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REV. R. C. MONTGOMERY, D. D., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Moderator of Synod, 1908, Philadelphia, Pa.

MINUTES

OF THE

Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

SESSION LXXIX.

THIRD REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 27th, 1908.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met pursuant to adjournment in the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., May 27th, 1908, at 2 P. M., and after devotional exercises its sessions were opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Thomas McFall, from Luke 1:32, 33.

After the Sermon the Moderator constituted the Court with prayer.

The roll was called and, being completed, is as follows:

ROLL.

COLORADO.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Denver	J. C. French	James Carson.
Greely	J. M. Wylie	
Santa Ana	G. N. Grier	
Seattle		John G. Dodds.
Oakland M. S	W. C. Allen	
	*J. K. Robb	

ILLINOIS.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Bethel	S. J. Johnston	J. E. Wilson.
Bloomington	G. R. Steel	J. R. Kennedy.
Oakdale	M. A. Gault	David Duguid.
Old Bethel		L. M. Patterson.
Princeton	D. C. Mathews	A. L. McConahy.
St. Louis	M. M. Pearce	*Jas. Torrens.
Slema	S. F. Kingston	*Robert Davis.
	D. S. Faris	
	*J. G. Reed	
	E. A. Crooks	

IOWA.

Chicago	Robert Clarke	Edwin L. Dodds.
Hopkinton	**S. Turner Foster	J. H. McGlade.
Lake Reno		Wm. Hogan.
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	S. E. McElhinney.
Rehoboth	Geo. A. Edgar	S. O. Carson.
Sharon	J. S. McGaw	S. J. Houston
Washington		Wilson Daugherty.
	*W. Henry George	

KANSAS.

Beulah		Wm. J. Crawford.
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers, S. S.	W. S. Moore.
Clarinda		J. R. Lee.
Denison	D. H. Elliott	W. R. Turner.
Kansas City		W. R. Marvin.
Long Branch	J. M. Johnston	J. H. Walkinshaw.
Olathe		R. N. Redpath.
Sterling	*J. Boggs Dodds	W. A. Edgar.
Superior	W. T. K. Thompson	W. J. Elliott.
Tabor	*S. E. Grier	
Topeka		J. R. McGee.
Winchester		Wm. H. Stewart.
	J. W. Dill	
	Isaiah Faris	
	G. R. McBurney	
	James McCune	
	E. L. McKnight	
	J. T. Mitchell	

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

Cornwallis	Thomas McFall	

NEW YORK.

Barnet	D. C. Faris	
First Boston	S. McNaugher	
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	
Bovina		J. A. Russel

NEW YORK—Continued.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Brooklyn	J. C. Slater	S. Carmichael.
Cambridge	G. W. Benn	
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	Joseph W. May.
First Newburgh	*J. W. F. Carlisle	*S. Glenn.
Second Newburgh	*J. R. Thompson	
Second New York	R. M. Sommerville	Stewart Casey.
Third New York	F. M. Foster	A. D. McNiel.
Fourth New York		R. McAfee.
Walton	*R. C. Reed	*J. R. Henderson.
West Hebron		Joseph McNiel.
Mont Clair		A. J. Harding.
	S. R. Wallace	

OHIO.

Belle Center		*Thomas Nelson.
Cedar Lake	C. M. Smith	*J. R. W. Duguid.
Cincinnatti	*D. O. Jack.	
Southfield	H. G. Patterson	Wm. Hannah.
Utica		F. W. Campbell.
	W. J. McBurney.	
	Louis Meyer	

PHILADELPHIA.

First Philadelphia	T. P. Stevenson	Jas. Patterson.
Second Philadelphia	J. C. McFeeters	Wm. J. Ferguson.
Third Philadelphia	R. C. Montgomery	Thomas Boggs.

PITTSBURG.

Adamsville and Mid't'n		W. S. Rodgers.
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	R. W. Wallace.
Bear Run and Mahon'g.	*E. M. Elsey	James Graham.
First Beaver Falls	J. S. Thompson	D. P. White.
Brookland & Manches'r.		A. J. Swank.
North Union		A. A. Dickey.
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	T. Sproull Trumbull.
College Hill	*R. H. Martin	*J. B. Dodds.
Geneva	H. G. Foster	Robert McKnight.
East End	D. C. Martin	
Little Beaver	*J. Renwick Wylie	J. A. Forsythe.
McKeesport and Monongahela	B. M. Sharp	
Mercer	*J. M. Coleman***	*A. M. Allen.
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	*J. C. Elder..
New Castle	J. S. Martin	T. J. Blackwood.
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	
Parnassus	F. M. Wilson	A. B. Copeland.
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	James A. McAteer.

PITTSBURG—Continued.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Rehoboth	*E. M. Elsey	
Slippery Rock	***W. O. Ferguson	George Martin.
Union	A. Kilpatrick	S. O. Sterrett.
Youngstown	***A. A. Wylie	
Wilkinsburg	R. C. Wylie	
	*T. J. Allen	
	*J. F. Crozier	
	H. H. George	
	R. J. George	
	W. P. Johnston	
	T. A. McElwain	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	R. J. G. McKnight	
	W. J. McKnight	
	T. C. Sproull	
	J. G. McElhinney	

ROCHESTER.

Almonte	G. M. Robb	R. S. Bowes.
Lisbon	**W. J. McCullough	
Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	
Syracuse	John Yates	Charles Dougall.
York	J. B. Gilmore	J. M. Copeland.
	William McFarland	

*Not present at first roll call.

**Received from Presbyterian Church since last synod.

***Ordained since last meeting of synod.

Ministers absent: R. C. Allen, J. M. Armour, J. A. Black, I. A. Blackwood, R. A. Blair, P. P. Boyd, D. H. Coulter, C. A. Dodds, R. J. Dodds, S. Edgar, E. G. Elsey, J. C. K. Faris, J. M. Faris, R. Hargrave, Julius Kemph, George Kennedy, J. M. Littlejohn, Walter McCarrell, P. J. McDonald, R. J. McIsaac, H. B. McMillen, *E. C. Mitchell, R. A. Paden, W. C. Paden, J. L. Pinkerton, J. H. Pritchard, A. I. Robb, W. G. Robb, *W. M. Robb, T. A. Rusk, W. J. Sanderson, A. A. Samson, S. G. Shaw, T. M. Slater, J. R. W. Stevenson, J. S. Stewart, D. B. Wilson, J. T. Wilson, J. Ralston Wylie, J. L. McCartney, W. S. Fulton, A. J. McFarland, Jr.—43.

Congregations not represented: Barnsville, Bellfountain, Billings, Canon City, Clarksburg, Craftsburry, Eskridge, Evans, Fairgrove, Hebron, Hetherton, Hickory Grove, Holmwood, Jonathan's Creek, Kortright, La Junta, Londonderry, Los Angeles, New Concord, Rygate, Quinter, Stanton, St. John, United Miama, Vernon, Wahoo, White Cottate, Church Hill, Cedarville.—28.

Election of officers. R. C. Montgomery was elected Moderator, J. S. Thompson Clerk and S. McNaugher Assistant Clerk.

The following deaths were announced: David McAllister, June 13th, 1907; J. I. Fraser, June 13th, 1907; W. W. Wilson, August 11th, 1907.

The Committee on Order of Business reported. Report amended and adopted, and is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday, May 27th, 2:00 p. m.—Constitution of the Court, after sermon by the retiring Moderator; Election of Officers; Report of Committee on Order of Business.

7:30 P. M.—Conference on National Reform.

Thursday, May 28th, 9:00 A. M.—Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises, and Committee on Unfinished Business. Reports of Boards: Foreign Missions, Central, Sustenation and Church Erection, and the Mission to the Jews.

2:00 P. M.—Reports of Boards: Superintendents of Theological Seminary, Synod's Board of Trustees, and Board of Control; Report of Stated Clerk.

7:30 P. M. Conference on Testimony Bearing.

Friday, May 29th, 9:00 A. M.—Reports of Presbyteries, of Committees on Testimony Bearing, Psalmody, Temperance and Evangelistic Work.

2:00 P. M.—Report of Executive Committee of the National Reform Association, of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform, of the Mission Conference, and of the Committee on the State of Religion.

7:30 P. M.—Conference on Foreign Missions.

Saturday, May 30th, 9:00 A. M.—Reports of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College and of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College; Reports of Committees on Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, Systematic Beneficence, the Sabbath, Signs of the Times, and Secret Societies.

Monday, June 1st, 9:00 A. M.—Report of the Committees on Traveling Fund, on Discipline, on National Reform, and on Home Missions.

2:00 P. M.—Reports of Committees on the Theological Seminary and Education, and on Foreign Missions.

Tuesday, June 2nd, 9:00 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Finance, on Supplies, on Foreign Correspondence and on Church Erection and Sustenation.

(Signed) T. P. STEVENSON,
J. C. McFEETERS,
JAS. SERVICE,
Committee.

Presbyteries were granted the privilege of holding meetings during the sessions of the Synod.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adpotion.

Item 1. The Committee reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2 and 3 adopted.

Items 1 and 2, relative to minimum salaries, were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EQUALIZE THE AID-RECEIVING CONGREGATIONS.

Your Committee was appointed two years ago. The report submitted last year was recommitted and the scope of the Committee's work enlarged. We were instructed to report on minimum salaries for all congregations.

Last year questionary was sent out to the aid-receiving congregations. The bulletins of the Bureau of Commerce and Labor on the cost of living in the cities and various sections of the country were also used in preparing the report. Some additional information has been obtained during the year, but nothing to materially alter the report of last year.

The difficulty in an investigation of this kind is the personal equation entering into each case. Matters of this kind are not proper items of comparison or investigation. Only the most general items, such as light, fuel, rent, the cost of common articles of table supply, comparison in cost of clothing and maintenance of horse and rig, and expenditures for street car fare, can be taken into consideration.

Again, the enlarging of the Mission Conference, making it more representative of the Presbyteries, and greater care on the part of Presbyteries in investigating applications for aid, has obviated some of the difficulties that occasioned the appointing of your Committee.

In regard to the aid-receiving congregations we recommend:

1. That they be divided into three classes, as follows:

(a) First class—Boston, including its suburbs, Greater New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver and Lost Angeles.

(b) Second class—Syracuse, St. Johns, McKeesport, Youngstown, Kansas City, Topeka, La Junta and Greeley, Canon City.

(c) Third class—The remaining congregations.

2. That salaries paid by congregations of the first class be brought up by supplement to $1,300.00, that those of the second class be brought up $1,200.00, and that the supplements of the third class be adjusted annually by the Mission Conference, with minimum salary at $800.00.

3. That no change be made in the supplement in any case on the floor of Synod without recommitting the item to the Mission Conference, or a Committee representing it.

In regard to the minimum salaries of all pastors:

1. We would call attention to the increased cost of living and the enlarged demand on a pastor's resources. The cost of living has advanced at least 25 per cent since the present scale of salaries was fixed.

2. We recommend that Presbyteries be directed to give attention to the matter in this oversight of congregations, particularly in the settlement of pastors.

E. A. CROOKS,
A. A. SAMSON,
R. J. WYLIE.

Item 2. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance to report at an early date.

Item 3. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 4. Attended to.

Item 5. Attended to.

Item 6. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 7. Attended to.

Item 8. Committee reported. Report was received and laid on the table for the present.

Item 9. The Committee reported. The report was received and laid on the table for the present.

Item 10. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 11. Attended to.

Item 12. Attended to.

Item 13. Laid on the table to be taken up in connection with the report of the Jewish Mission Board.

Item 14. Attended to.

Item 15. Attended to.

Item 16. The Committee reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOINT REVISION OF THE PSALMS.

The Committee on the Uniform Version of the Psalms in meter would respectfully report that, contrary to our expectation a year ago, no meeting of the Joint Committee has been held during the past year, but we are now assured that the Committee will meet to complete its work next winter or spring.

There is no sufficient reason why we should decline to co-operate with the effort for a uniform version of the Psalms as long as there is any prospect of progress being made. We therefore recommend that the resolutions of two years ago be reaffirmed.

W. J. COLEMAN,
T. P. STEVENSON.

The Committee was continued.

Item 17. Laid on the table for the present.

The report was laid on the table for the present.

The Rev. J. Dolphin presented the certificate of his appointment as fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church. Thursday at 2:30 P. M. was fixed as the hour for hearing the delegate.

T. C. Sproull and Edwin L. Dodds were chosen as precentors for the Synod.

The retiring Moderator was requested to furnish his sermon for publication in the church papers.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Devotional Exercises the second member of the Committee was directed to bring in a report tomorrow morning. J. S. Martin was added to the Committee.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Thursday, May 28th, 9 A. M. Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: E. A. Crooks, S. Turner Foster, G. A. Edgar, G. W. Benn, Joseph McNiel, Thomas Nelson, Louis Meyer, T. P. Stevenson, J. B. Gilmore and James Carson, most of whom soon appeared.

Minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read and approved.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Your Committee recommend that the last half hour of the morning session of each day be spent in devotional exercises. We submit the following program:

General subject: The Holy Spirit.

Thursday.—Conditions of receiving the Holy Spirit. Leader T. P. Stevenson.

Friday.—The Holy Spirit and Worship. Leader S. Turner Foster.

Saturday.—The Holy Spirit and Witnessing. Leader Elder R. W. Wallace.

Monday.—The Holy Spirit and Giving. Leader Elder James Carson.

Tuesday.—The Holy Spirit and Brotherly Love. Leader S. F. Kingston.

Respectfully submitted. (Signed)
C. McCLEOD SMITH,
J. S. MARTIN.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

COMMITTEES.

Supplies—W. C. Allen, J. C. French, W. J. McCullough, T. Sproull Trumbull, A. A. Dickey.

Traveling Fund—Geo. A. Edgar and Financial Agents of Presbyteries.

Theological Seminary and Education—A. Kilpatrick, John Yates, F. M. Foster, Thomas Boggs, J. A. McAteer.

National Reform—J. B. Gilmore, R. H. Martin, T. H. Acheson, A. B. Copeland, Jas. Patterson.

Nominations—C. D. Trumbull, M. M. Pearce, F. M. Wilson, J. A. Forsyth, S. O. Sterrett.

Foreign Missions—Thomas McFall, S. J. Crowe, S. Turner Foster, R. McKnight, A. D. McNeill.

Home Missions—R. C. Wylie, D. H. Elliott, G. W. Benn, Wm. Hogan, R. McAfee.

Finance—J. Milligan Wylie, J. S. McGaw, W. C. Ferguson, R. W. Wallace, Wilson Dougherty.

Foreign Correspondence—J. M. Coleman, G. R. Steele, J. W. Dill, Jas. Carson, T. J. Blackwood.

Discipline—W. J. Coleman, T. C. Sproull, J. C. McFeeters, J. R. Magee, F. W. Campbell.

Sustentation and Church Erection—C. M. Smith, R. C. Reed, J. M. Johnston, J. G. Dodds, J. R. Lee.

Delegates having certificates from the Trunk Line Association were instructed to include in their traveling expenses the 25 cents required with each certificate, by the agent vising the certificates.

Papers were received as follows:

Paper No. 1.—Report of Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association. Referred, together with accompanying financial report, to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 2.—Memorial from Clarinda Session to Kansas Presbytery, and by Presbytery referred to Synod. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 3.—Memorial from Olathe Session to Kansas Presbytery, and by Presbytery referred to Synod. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 4.—Communication from the Anti-Saloon League. Read and laid on the table.

Paper No. 5.—Communication from Prof. D. B. Wilson. Read and referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Education, and Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 6.—Memorial from Wilkinsburg Session. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 7.—Financial reports of Treasurer Walter T. Miller. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 8.—Communication from Corresponding Delegate from the R. P. General Synod. Referred to the Stated Clerk of Synod to be replied to during this meeting of Synod.

Paper No. 9.—Communication from Geo. L. Lenhart inviting the Synod to hold its next meeting at Atlantic City. Laid on the table for the present.

Paper No. 10.—Report of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer of Literary Fund. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 11.—Report of S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer of the Jewish Mission Board. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 12.—Communication from the Secretary of the Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. Referred to Committee on Finance and Committee on Nominations.

Paper No. 13.—Communication from Inter-Church Conference on Federation. Referred to a Special Committee, to be named by the Committee on Nominations.

Paper No. 14.—Report of Treasurer J. S. Tibby regarding the printing and sale of the Minutes of 1907. Report accepted and adopted.

Foreign Mission Board reported. Report received and referred to Committee on Foreign Missions and Committee on Finance.

Central Mission Board reported. Report referred to Committee on Home Missions and Committee on Finance.

Church Erection Board reported. Referred to Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection, and Committee on Finance.

Presbyteries reported. Reports were received and adopted, and items referring to supplies and finance were referred to the appropriate Committees and Boards.

The Stated Clerk of Synod reported. The report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

Statistics from May 1st, 1907, to May 1st, 1908.

Summary.—There are reported this year 115 congregations; 4 Mission Stations in America, 4 in the Syrian Mission and in China; 134 ministers, one of whom is a Greek, and one a Syrian; eleven students of theology, eight of whom have been licensed; 9,404 communicants, an increase of 625 and a decrease of 719; 9,127 in attendance at the Sabbath Schools, and 1,951 in attendance at the Young People's Societies, and $213,486 of total contributions.

Congregations.—80 have pastors, three are supplied by unsettled ministers, and one by a pastor; two are under the care of the Syrian Commission; one, Mt. Clair, N. J., was organized by New York Presbytery on February 6th, 1908, and two were disorganized, North Salem, Ohio Presbytery, by removal of one of two elders, and Muskingum and Tomica, same Presbytery, by the removal of one of the two elders. The number is 115, one less than a year ago.

Mission Stations.—Oakland is under the care of Colorado Presbytery. The Jewish Mission under the care of the Jewish Mission Board. Those in the foreign missions are under the care of the Foreign Mission Board. Muskingum and Tomica, Ohio Presbytery, is now a mission station. Salem, Pittsburgh Presbytery, is not reported. The number is the same as a year ago—4.

Ministers.—There were two ordinations, four ordinations and installations, eight installations, eleven dissolutions of the pastoral relation, three deaths, one decrease by dismission on certificate of standing, and one by suspension.

William Melville Robb was ordained by Iowa Presbytery at Morning Sun, and Earnest Chalmers Mitchell by Ohio Presbytery on the same day, August 10th, 1907, to go as missionaries to China. William James McCullough was ordained and installed pastor of Lisbon Congregation by Rochester Presbytery on June 20th, 1907. Alva Allison Wylie was ordained and installed pastor of Youngstown Congregation by Pittsburgh Presbytery on August 27th, 1907. Wm. Otis Ferguson was ordained and installed pastor of Slippery Rock Congregation by Pittsburgh Presbytery on October 22nd, 1907, and James M. Coleman was ordained and installed pastor of Mercer Congregation by Pittsburgh Presbytery on May 5th, 1908. M. A. Gault was installed pastor of Oakdale Congregation by a Commission of Illinois Presbytery on June 14th, 1907; J. M. Wylie, pastor of Greeley Congregation, by Colorado Presbytery on August 12th, 1907; J. R. Latimer, pastor of Lochiel Congregation by Rochester Presbytery on July 31, 1907; I. A. Blackwood, pastor of Evans Congregation by Colorado Presbytery on November 7th, 1907; S. Turner Foster, pastor of Hopkinton Congregation by a Commission of Iowa Presbytery on January 30th, 1908; T. H. Acheson, pastor of Pittsburgh Congregation by Pittsburgh Presbytery on January 3rd, 1908; George A. Edgar, pastor of Rehoboth Congregation by a Commission of Iowa Presbytery on May 8th, 1908, and

G. M. Robb, pastor of Almonte Congregation by Rochester Presbytery on May 13th, 1908.

The pastoral relations between W. H. George and Vernon Congregation was dissolved by a Commission of Iowa Presbytery on July 1st, 1907; between J. A. Black and Rehoboth Congregation by a Commission of Iowa Presbytery on July 1st, 1907; between S. Edgar and La Junta Congregation by Colorado Presbytery on July 23rd, 1907; between G. A. Edgar and Olathe Congregation by Kansas Presbytery August 20th, 1907; between A. A. Samson and New Concord Congregation by Ohio Presbytery on August 21st, 1907; on the same date and by the same Presbytery between S. G. Shaw and Belle Center Congregation, and between R. A. Blair and Utica Congregation; between H. B. McMillan and Canon City Congregation by Colorado Presbytery on September 3rd, 1907; between J. McCune and Eskridge Congregation by a Commission of Kansas Presbytery on January 28th, 1908; between J. G. McElhinney and Adamsville and Middletown Congregation by Pittsburgh Presbytery on May 12th, 1908; and between J. T. Mitchell and St. John Congregation by N. B. & N. S. Presbytery on May 15th, 1908; E. F. Sherman was granted certificate of standing June 18th, 1907, and M. Creenberg was temporarily suspended by Philadelphia Presbytery on May 12th, 1908.

Three pastors have double charges.

Rev. J. I. Fraser died at Seattle on June 13th, 1907. Rev. David McAllister, same date, at Allegheny, and Rev. Walter W. Wilson at Cimeron, Kansas, August 11th, 1907.

Of the ministers without charges three are stated supplies, twelve are Foreign Missionaries, two are laboring under the direction of the Central Board, two are Professors in the Theological Seminary; three in Geneva College; two are engaged in Reform work; two in Sabbath School work; one in Testimony Bearing, and one is field Secretary of Jewish Mission work; four are unable to engage in the active work of the ministry; six are engaged all or part of their time in secular callings; all or part of the time of the others is at the disposal of Synod.

Licentiates.—On May 12th, 1908, Paul Coleman, Frank Dean Fraser, Walter Clyde McGlurkin and Owen Foster Thompson were licensed in the Central Allegheny Church by Pittsburg Presbytery; at Blanchard, Ia., William Arthur Aiken and Josiah Dodds Edgar, by a Commission of Kansas Presbytery; and Elmer Russell at Bovina Centre by New York Presbytery; and on May 20th at Northwood, by a Commission of Ohio Presbytery, David Bruce Elsey.

Communicants.—Colorado Presbytery, the Syrian Commission, the Mission in China, thirty-nine congregations and one Mission Station report a net increase; the other Presbyteries, fifty-five congregations and one station a net decrease. In eighteen there is no change and from two there is no report. There is a total net decrease of 94; in the Church in America of 122.

Contributions.—An increase in contributions is reported in the Syrian Mission of $2,599; Chinese, $976; Home, $1,753; Theological Seminary of $2,000; of the Aged Ministers' Fund of $28; in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, $229; Miscellaneous, $3,483, and totals of $1,294; and a decrease in Southern Mission of $249; Indian, $249; Jewish, $266; Sustenation, $1,404; Church Erection, $3,728; National Reform, $177; Testimony Bearing, $80; Salaries, $1,413. The number of parsonages is the same as last year—23.

Certified copies of the minutes marked approved by the clerks have been placed in my hands, including 1907.

Rev. J. F. Crozier was permitted to examine the certified minutes in my possession and take some of the duplicate copies with him. He wanted them in connection with the East Craftsbury suit for the possession of the parsonage and Church building.

J. W. SPROULL, **Stated Clerk.**

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report we have held two meetings during the year. We have eight Congregations and one Mission Station under our care.

T. H. Acheson was certified to Pittsburgh Presbytery December 12th, 1907.

J. M. Wylie was installed pastor of Greeley Congregation August 7th, 1907.

I. A. Blackwood was installed pastor of Evans Congregation November 7th, 1907.

J. I. Fraser was called to his reward June 13th, 1907.

Frank D. Fraser was transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery November 7th, 1907.

Two of our Congregations, La Junta and Canon City, are vacant.

The Mission at Oakland, in charge of W. C. Allen, is in a healthy and prosperous condition. Presbytery at its meeting in Greeley May 13th granted the request of the Mission for the organization of a Congregation. We ask for this Mission $2,000 for the coming year.

S. Edgar is laboring at Latakia, Syria; J. K. Robb at Tak King Chau, China, and H. B. McMillan is in the employ of the Weld County, Colo., Sabbath School Association. J. M. Armour is recommended to the Board of Control for aid.

Miss Anna George, daughter of Rev. W. F. George, is recommended to the same Board for aid. The salary of Dr. Kate McBunney, missionary in China, has been paid in full. Our statistical report has been forwarded to Synod's Stated Clerk.

Our Traveling Fund is full.

I. A. Blackwood is Chairman of Committee on Supplies. Presbytery asks for the time of one laborer for one year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. FRENCH, **Clerk.**

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Iowa would respectfully report that since last Synod we have held only one meeting. Our business has been of such a nature that we have been able to attend to it by interim Commission.

In obedience to your directions, at our meeting held in Morning Sun, Iowa, August 20th, 1907, we ordained to the Gospel ministry our licentiate, W. M. Robb, your missionary to China, and his name now appears on our ministerial roll.

At a Commission of Presbytery held at Morning Sun, Iowa, July 1st, 1907, W. Henry George was released from Vernon Congregation, and J. A. Black from the Congregation of Rehoboth.

On January 30th, 1908, S. Turner Foster was received from the New York Presbytery, and by a Commission installed as pastor of Hopkinton Congregation. Also Commission met in Wyman, Iowa, May 8th, 1908; G. A. Edgar was received from Kansas Presbytery and installed in the pastorate of Rehoboth Congregation. Our vacancies at

present are Hickory Grove, Vernon and Washington Congregations, from the latter of which a call is pending on licentiate R. E. Wilson. We have on student of Theology under our care, Edward McConaughy, who has spent one year in the Seminary; and one licentiate, R. E. Wilson, who has completed his theological course and has accepted an appointment to the Syrian Mission.

The names of nine ministerial members are now on our roll, three of whom are without pastoral charges—J. A. Black, J. M. Littlejohn, who is engaged in secular pursuits in Chicago, and W. M. Robb, missionary in China.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time to Synod's Stated Clerk, and will show that our Congregations are not declining in liberality.

Our student of theology, Howard McConaughy, is recommended to the Board of Control for aid from the Students' Fund; and Misses Emily and Juliet Cannon for share in fund for Widows and Children of deceased ministers.

Presbytery asks for the full time of two and one-half laborers for six months and one and one-half laborers for six months.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BLACK, Clerk.

REPORT OF ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

During the last year we have held two regular meetings. We have nine Congregations under our care, seven of which have settled pastors. The Rev. M. A. Gault was installed pastor of Oakdale Congregation June 14th, 1907, by the Ad Interim Commission.

We have ten ordained ministers and one licentiate. On account of advanced age, the Rev. D. S. Faris is not actively engaged in any ministerial work. The Rev. E. A. Crooks has been western Secretary of the National Reform Association. The Rev. J. G. Reed is employed as Superintendent of our Southern Mission. The full time of E. A. Crooks and licentiate R. W. Piper is at the disposal of Synod.

The usual days of Thanksgiving and Fasting were observed by all our Congregations. Our Traveling Fund is paid in full. D. C. Mathews is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies. The Rev. D. S. Faris is recommended to the Board of Control for his share of its funds. We ask for the full time of one laborer. The Old Bethel Congregation is recommended to the Board of Church Erection for an amount not less than 30 per cent of what they shall themselves raise.

(Name of Clerk lacking.)

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery has since last Synod held one regular meeting and three by Interim Commission. We have 17 ministers, 18 Congregations and 1 Mission Station, recognized as such May 28th, 1908, at Lieb, Hutchinson County, Texas, and three licentiates, one of whom, S. M. Morrow, has completed the seminary course, and two, J. D. Edgar and W. A. Aikin, having completed the second year, were licensed by a Commission of Presbytery May 12th, 1908.

Of the ministers, six are pastors, one a pastor elect, two are stated supplies, one a missionary in Syria, and seven are without charges. W. W. Wilson, who was pastor of Topeka, was called to his

eternal reward August 11th, 1907. G. A. Edgar was certified to Iowa Presbytery. J. T. Mitchell was received from N. B. and N. S. Presbytery. E. L. McKnight was received from Pittsburgh Presbytery. Pastoral relations have been dissolved as follows: G. A. Edgar and Olathe, August 20th, 1907; James McCune and Eskridge, January 28th, 1908; D. H. Coulter, Winchester, May 28th, 1908; J. W. Dill and Clarinda, May 28th, 1908.

Of our Congregations two, Billings and Cache Creek, have stated supplies; six have pastors; and ten, Beulah, Clarinda, Eskridge, Hebron, Kansas City, Olathe, Suinter, Topeka, Wahoo, Winchester, are vacant. Call from Beulah on J. T. Mitchell has been accepted and arrangements are made for his installation. Topeka and Olathe have each a call pending on E. L. McKnight. So far as known to us the usual days of Fasting and Thanksgiving were observed by our Congregations.

Possible applicants for aid from Board of Control are Mrs. Jane Orr McClurkin and Mrs. Agnes C. Wilson from Widows of Deceased Ministers' Fund; D. H. Coulter from Aged Ministers' Fund, and W. A. Aikin and J. D. Edgar from Students' Aid Fund. Mrs. Belle T. Dodds, widow of Josiah Dodds, died January 28th, 1908. Mrs. M. A. McMillan, who has been receiving aid, but who now has other resources, does not ask help this year.

The whole time of J. W. Dill, Isaiah Faris, G. R. McBurney, James McCune, S. M. Morrow; J. Ralston Wylie from July to October, inclusive; one-third of time of W. C. Paden; and vacation months of J. D. Edgar and W. Aiken, is at the disposal of Synod. We ask the full time of five men for the coming year. W. T. K. Thompson is the acting Chairman of Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES McCUNE, **Clerk.**

REPORT OF N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of N. B. and N. S. would respectfully report that we have held one meeting during the year. There are three Congregations under our care. Two of these Congregations are without pastors.

James T. Mitchell, having received a call from Beulah Congregation, asked to be released from the pastorate of the St. John Congregation, and to be transferred to the Kansas Presbytery in order to meet the call from Beulah, Nebraska. On May 15th James T. Mitchell was released from the pastoral care of the St. John Congregation, and was on the same date transferred to the Kansas Presbytery.

The St. John Congregation asks for supplies during the year. The Congregation of Barnsville asks for supplies during June, July, August and September.

Mrs. Margaret Lawson was recommended to the Board of Control for her share in the Fund of Widows and Orphans.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. H. MORROW, **Clerk pro tem.**

REPORT OF THE NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of New York would respectfully report: One regular meeting was held during the year.

Nineteen Congregations are under our care, five of which are without pastoral oversight.

D. C. Faris is Stated Supply at Ryegate, Vermont.

We enroll twenty ministers, of whom fourteen are pastors, three are in the foreign field, one is incapacitated, one is engaged in secular work and one, S. R. Wallace, is filling appointments, whose whole time is at the disposal of Synod.

The name of Rev. S. Turner Foster was on October 2nd, 1907, by certificate from the Presbyterian Church and examination, added to our roll, and Mr. Foster was later certified to the Iowa Presbytery.

The time of licentiate Elmer Russell is at Synod's disposal for the months of June and September, inclusive, and for the month of May, 1909.

Miss Elizabeth R. Williams, W. M. George and Elmer Russell and Mrs. Rosamond R. Johnston recommended to the Board of Control.

R. C. Reed is Chairman of our Committee on Supplies.

We require the time of one and one-half laborers.

Rev. T. A. McElwain was released on May 28th, 1908, from the pastorate of West Hebron, to take effect July 1, 1908. His full time from August 1st is at the disposal of Synod, also that of S. R. Wallace for the whole year. Our statistical report was forwarded in due time to Synod's Stated Clerk, and our Traveling Fund is paid in full.

Respectfuly submitted,

W. G. ROBB, **Clerk.**

REPORT OF OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

Thirteen Congregations are under our care, seven having settled pastors. Three pastors were relased by the Presbytery on August 20th, 1907, Rev. R. A. Blair, Rev. A. A. Samson and Dr. S. G. Shaw. Two Congregations have been disorganized, North Salem by the removal of an elder, and Muskingum and Tomica by the death of an elder. Muskingum and Tomica was received as a mission station under the care of the Presbytery.

Bruce Elsey was licensed by a commission of Presbytery at Northwood, Ohio, on May 20th, and is a third year student of Theology.

Mrs. K. E. Smith and Mrs. Susan Love have been recommended for aid from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The full time of Rev. Louis Meyer being still taken up in religious work among the Jews, he makes no request for appointment.

The full time of Dr. S. G. Shaw and Rev. W. J. McBurney is at the disposal of Synod.

The time of licentiate Bruce Elsey is at the disposal of Synod from first of July until opening of Seminary, and for the month of May, 1909.

Three calls have been made for pastors and are awaiting decision: Jonathan's Creek upon R. W. Piper, New Concord upon John Coleman, and Fair Grove upon R. W. Piper. The full time of two laborers is asked for. Our Traveling Fund is reported full.

W. J. Sanderson is the Chairamn of Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. McBURNEY, **Clerk pro tem.**

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

The Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report: We have held two regular and two special meetings during the year. Number of Congregations, three. Number of pastors, three. At a special meeting June 18th, 1907, E. F. Sherman, at his own request, was granted a certificate of standing, which was forwarded to him a few days later, and G. M. Robb was granted a certificate of transfer, which was forwarded to the Clerk of Rochester Presbytery April 24th, 1908.

At the regular meeting May 12th, 1908, Moses Greenberg was temporarily suspended from the office of the ministry.

Fred B. Limerick is a student of theology under the care of Presbytery.

Recently the First Congregation sold their church property, 17th and Bainbridge streets, and purchased another at 40th and Sansom streets, where they are now comfortably located.

The Third Congregation celebrated the 25th anniversary of the present pastorate March 27th, 1908.

The work of the year in all the Congregations has been encouraging.

Days of Thanksgiving and Fasting were observed. Our statistical report was forwarded to Stated Clerk of Synod in due time.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

REPORT OF PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Pittsburg Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year two regular and three special meetings were held. Changes in pastoral relations have taken place as follows: W. J. McKnight was released from the Mercer Congregation May 28th, 1907, that he might accept the appointment as Synod's lecturer on Testimony Bearing; the Pittsburgh Congregation became vacant June 13th, 1907, by the death of its pastor, the Rev. David McAllister, D. D., LL. D.; J. G. McElhinney was released from the Adamsville and Middletown Congregation May 12th, 1908, he to continue in charge of the work until June 22nd, 1908. A. A. Wylie was ordained and installed pastor of the Youngstown Congregation August 27th, 1907; W. O. Ferguson was ordained and installed pastor of the Slippery Rock Congregation October 22nd, 1907; T. H. Acheson was installed pastor of the Pittsburgh Congregation January 3rd, 1908; and J. M. Coleman was ordained and installed pastor of the Mercer Congregation May 5th, 1908.

The Rev. J. Latimer was certified to the Rochester Presbytery May 28th, 1907, and A. I. Blackwood to the Colorado Presbytery October 22nd, 1907. T. H. Acheson was received from the Colorado Presbytery January 3rd, 1908. The names of forty-two ministers appear on our roll, a net increase of two during the year. Of these twenty-one are pastors, two having double charges; two are professors in the Theological Seminary; two are foreign missionaries; three are college professors; one is engaged in National Reform work; one is engaged in Testimony Bearing work; seven seek appointments from the Synod; and five are living in retirement.

At the last regular meeting of the Presbytery Paul Coleman, Frank D. Fraser, Walter C. McClurkin and Owen F. Thompson were

licensed. These desire appointments during the Seminary vacation, except Paul Coleman, who is employed for the summer in our Indian Mission. Our other licentiates are John Coleman, Samuel G. Finney, Archibald A. Johnston, Raymond D. Taggert, all of whom desire appointments for the year, and W. M. Millroy, who is a professor in Geneva College.

The ministers desiring appointments are R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen R. J. Dodds, R. J. G. McKnight, T. C. Sproull, J. G. McElhinney and J. L. McCartney for three summer months.

Presbytery asks for the full time of one laborer.

J. S. Martin is the Chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Our quota to Synod's Traveling Fund is full. Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod at the proper time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. THOMPSON, Clerk.

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the last year two regular meeting have been held. On June 20th, 1907, licentiate W. J. McCullough was ordained and installed pastor of Lisbon Congregation. July 31st, 1907, J. R. Latimer was installed pastor of Lochiel Congregation; and May 13th, 1908, G. M. Robb was installed pastor of the Almonte Congregation. These settlements make the Congregations of the Presbytery now all under regular pastors. For this we record our thankfulness to Christ, the Head of the Church. The whole number of Congregations in our Presbytery is five, the same as last year; and there is one Mission Station. We have one minister without charge, Wm. McFarland, whose whole time is at the disposal of Synod.

We have under our care one student of Theology, Mr. Robert Park, of Syracuse Congregation, who has completed his first year in the Seminary, and who has been recommended to the Board of Control for share in the Students' Aid Fund.

We ask for no supplies. We report our Traveling Fund in full. Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

John Yates is the Chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GILMORE, Clerk.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. W. M. Glasgow, the Rev. W. S. Nevin and the Rev. J. H. Boggs.

Synod's Board of Trustees reported. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. Item 3 was taken up. The Committee reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Pending the discussion of this item the hour for devotional exercises arrived. T. P. Stevenson led the Synod in devotional exercises.

Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M. Prayer by D. S. Faris.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2:30 P. M. Synod met and was led in prayer by the Moderator. Roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: M. M. Pearce, E. A. Crooks, S. E. McElhinney, J. M. Johnston, James McCune, Wm. M. Stewart, J. R. W. Duguid, W. J. McBurney, H. G. Foster, T. J. Allen, most of whom soon appeared.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following Committees were appointed to examine records of Presbyteries:

COMMITTEES ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

Colorado.—R. J. Gault, S. J. Johnston, W. S. Rodgers.
Illinois.—W. W. Carithers, C. M. Smith, W. J. Ferguson.
Iowa.—S. E. Greer, J. T. Mitchell, Charles Dugall.
Kansas.—H. G. Foster, Wm. McFarland, J. H. Walkinshaw.
N. B. and N. S.—M. A. Gault, D. C. Faris, S. O. Carson.
New York.—G. N. Greer, Jas. McCune, J. R. Henderson.
Ohio.—D. C. Martin, W. J. McCullough, R. S. Bowes.
Philadelphia.—Thos. Patton, D. O. Jack, E. L. Dodds.
Pittsburgh.—F. M. Foster, R. C. Reed, J. McNeill.
Rochester.—S. G. Conner, J. M. Foster, W. S. Moore.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. John Teaze.

The order of the day was the hearing of Rev. J. Dolphin, fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church. Rev. Dolphin addressed the Synod. The Moderator responded briefly to the address of the delegate.

It was resolved, That this Synod has heard with great delight the address of the Fraternal Delegate from the Christian Reformed Church, and that a delegate be named by this Synod to convey our greetings to the Christian Reformed Synod at its approaching meeting.

The nominating of the delegate was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Synod resumed consideration of Item 3 of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, under discussion at the hour for devotional exercises. Items 1, 2 and 3 of the report of the Committee were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION AND BIBLE STUDY.

Your Committee, which was continued from last Synod to develop more fully a comprehensive plan for Bible study by books and to provide a system of catechetical instruction to be used as supplemental lessons, desires to make the following statement and report:

It must be evident to everyone who is a student of present conditions that the life and usefulness of the church require that the youth be given careful instruction in the history and principles of the church. The moral issues which are appearing in our national life, many of which contain an appeal to the ballot for their settlemetn, make it increasingly difficult to prevent the compromise of our position of political loyalty to Jesus Christ. It is imperative that we at once prepare such a clear and careful statement of our history and doctrine as shall present in a concise and Scriptural form the truths which we regard as essential to the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth. If these doctrines are set forth, not simply as peculiar tenets, but as universal principles which lie at the very foundation of the divine order of human society, they will, by the blessing of the Holy Spirit, be accepted by the human heart.

We should have both a denominational catechism and a manual of history and doctrine. These should be so prepared as to be adapted to intermediate and senior classes, and should present our distinctive principles in their relation to the entire system of grace and salvation. It should be made clear that disloyalty to Jesus Christ in any relation of life is to be rejected as a form of atheism. These manuals should trace through history the important part which these principles have borne in the development of God's kingdom on earth, special attention being given to American history; those manuals should also set forth plainly "the unfinished aspects of the covenanting struggle."

The other part of the work referred to your committee relates to a course of systematic Bible study and a schedule of graded lessons for the Sabbath School. On July 7th of last year there was reported in the Sunday School Times the account of a meeting in London of the International Lesson Committee, which said that this committee had undertaken to provide a scheme of lessons for the whole range of Sabbath School teachers, including Primary Work (ages 3-9); general or intermediate work (ages 9-15); and senior or advanced work (over 15 years).

Among the more important suggestions of this committee are the following:

"That we commend the principle of affording opportunity as far as possible for the consecutive study of (a) separate books, and (b) definite periods of history."

"That the Review Lesson be inserted at the most suitable point in such series, rather than always and arbitrarily on the last Sabbath of each quarter."

This conference, believing that it would be helpful to prepare

International Lessons for Senior Classes, which shall include instruction on the Progress of Revealed Truth, and on Christian Doctrine and Ethics, and the simpler aspects of Christian Apologetics, also some connected view of the Bible as a whole and in its several divisions, hereby requests the British section to prepare schemes of this character."

At an important conference of fifty Sabbath School workers in Boston at the beginning of this present year the resolutions of the London Conference were practically reaffirmed, and the International Convention which is to meet at Louisville, Kentucky, June 18th-23rd, 1908, will be asked to provide such a system.

This advanced step of the International Convention practically assures a graded system which will meet the conditions urged in our report of last year, viz.: "Instruction in the progress of Revealed Truth, also some connected view of the Bible as a whole and in its several divisions," and renders unnecessary further effort in that direction, except what might be done through correspondence, to secure a system which shall be in harmony with the true theme of divine revelation.

There are excellent manuals for Bible study already prepared, which may be constructed into a graded system; care should be taken, however, to see that such books recognize the integrity, genuineness and authenticity of the Bible.

We recommend:

1. That a committee of seven be appointed by this Synod to prepare a catechism and a manual of history and doctrine for the instruction of the youth in harmony with the principles stated in this report.

2. That this committee suggest such a list of books for Bible study as may be properly used to make up a graded system.

3. That this committee be instructed to correspond with individuals and organizations which are preparing systems of Bible study with a view to securing a plan which shall present the Bible as the revelation of God's plan for the establishment of His kingdom.

4. That this committee report at the next meeting of Synod, and that they publish from time to time such portions of their work as they may have completed.

J. M. WYLIE,
H. H. GEORGE,
C. McLEOD SMITH,
D. O. JACK,
of the Committee.

Item 8 of Unfinished Business was taken up. The report of the Special Committee was laid on the table to entertain a substitute. The substitute was adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly desires united action by the churches of Christ in behalf of the Temperance reformation, and that we will embrace every opportunity for co-operation so far as is consistent with the principles and testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The nomination of two members to fill the vacancy on the Permanent Committee on Temperance was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 9 of Unfinished Business. Pending the discussion of the report of the Special Committee Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by W. J. Coleman.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Friday, May 29th, 9 A. M. Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: G. W. Benn, J. M. Copeland, R. H. Martin, J. Boggs Dodds, H. H. George, S. Glenn, J. McNeil, T. P. Stevenson, most of whom soon appeared.

Minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read and approved.

The Chicago R. P. Congregation invited Synod to meet in their church in 1909. Dr. S. C. Dickey, on behalf of the Winona Assembly, invited the Synod to meet at Winona in 1909. These invitations were laid on the table for the present.

The following resolution was adopted: Whereas, in the progress of the Temperance movement new phases appear and the members of the Church are confronted with political conditions which have to do with their testimony against a Constitution which rejects Christ and His law; and

Whereas, when the question of License or No License is submitted in a town, the Covenanters therein are face to face with the question "Is it right to vote?" therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Temperance be and hereby is instructed to examine the question of such voting in its bearing on the Church's position of separation from a Constitution and Government in rebellion against the Son of God. Said Committee to report to next Synod.

Sustentation Board reported. Report received and referred to the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary reported. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

Synod resumed consideration of the matter under discussion at the hour of adjournment yesterday afternoon. The recommendation of the Special Committee was laid on the table to entertain a substitute. Pending the discussion of the substitute

the whole matter was referred to a Special Committee to report on Monday morning. Nomination of the Committee was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 6 Unfinished Business taken up. The Committee reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND BLANKS FOR CONGREGATIONS RECEIVING AID.

Your Committee on Rules and Blanks for Congregations Receiving Aid from Synod would submit the following report:

We deem the rules now in vogue governing the application of Congregations for aid and the distribution of the funds by the Board through the Presbyteries sufficient, and recommend no alteration or addition, but their more uniform enforcement.

The blanks should serve two purposes—they should stimulate effort and interest on the part of the Congregations asking for aid, and they should furnish such information to the Presbyteries and mission conference about the condition and prospects of the Congregation as to enable them to act intelligently on the request.

With this end in view we recommend the adoption of the following form of application, to be prepared in shape of a folio, which shall contain on one page the rules now in force, and on the other queries for information as follows:

"Application for.....Congregation to the Mission Conference for financial aid for the Synodical year ending..... Number of families, members, absentees, male members, wage earners, contributors for preaching. Is this an increase or decrease in the number of contributors over last year, and how many? Number of tithers. Is this an increase or decrease over last year, and how many? How much was paid by the Congregation for preaching last year? How much for church schemes? How much for other objects? How much is promised for preaching the coming year? How is money for preaching raised? Does the Congregation own church property? Is it free from debt? What are the regular services of the Congregation and the average attendance at each? What other religious work is sustained by the Congregation? What are the opportunities and facilities for mission work? Is any such work planned for the coming year? How much preaching will the Congregation take? What is the amount requested? Is this to be expended for pastor, stated supply or supplies? Was the Congregation visited officially by Presbytery's agent this year? Signed by order of the Congregation in business session this.....day of....., 19...., at which.....members were present.

Chairman.

Clerk

The.....Presbytery, having considered the needs and conditions of.....Congregation, approves of their request for aid from the Mission Conference to the extent of $..... for.....time.

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Clerk of Pres.

Respectfully,

J. W. SPROULL,
G. A. EDGAR.

The matter of the printing and distribution of the blanks was referred to the Treasurer of Synod.

Item 10 Unfinished Business. The Committee reported. The report was received and laid on the table, to be taken up in connection with the report of the Committee on Psalmody.

Item 17 Unfinished Business taken up. The Committee reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1 adopted. Item 2 amended and adopted. Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SLIDING SCALE.

The committee appointed to prepare a sliding scale of support for Congregations receiving aid from Synod would respectfully report that we recommend:

1st.—That Synod endorse the principles of the sliding scale. It is calculated to stimulate Congregations to make an effort to reduce the amount of assistance asked from Synod year by year.

2nd.—That on account of the widely different conditions in our Congregations Synod deems it impracticable to fix a uniform sliding scale in each of our dependent churches.

A. The conditions of some Congregations remained unchanged, often for years.

B. The conditions of other Congregations so change as to make them more and more dependent upon Synod for support.

C. The conditions of still others so change as to easily enable them to decrease the amount of aid they require.

3rd.—That Congregations financially prosperous be encouraged to decrease by at least 20 per cent the amount they ask from Synod each year.

4th.—That Synod require Congregations asking the same amount of aid from year to year to show why this amount should not be decreased at least 20 per cent. The Congregations and the Presbyterial Agent shall be expected to furnish satisfactory evidence as to this to the Mission Conference.

5th.—That Synod encourage all Congregations to strive to attain to the position of financial independence, and instead of drawing from the treasury of the Synod, to pour into it the gold that belongs to King Jesus.

6th.—Inasmuch as this position might in some instances be reached today if the principle of tithing were more generally observed among the people, Synod declares its purpose to favor those Congregations whose members most generally observe the principle of paying the tithe.

R. C. REED,
F. M. WILSON,
G. A. EDGAR.

The nomination of Committees to report on the death of deceased ministers was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Licentiate R. E. Wilson, under appointment to the Syrian Mission, was invited to address the Synod at the opening of this afternoon session.

Synod engaged in devotional exercises, S. Turner Foster leading.

Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M. J. R. Thompson led in prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Friday, 2:30 P. M. Synod met and was led in prayer by the Moderator. Roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: E. M. Elsey, S. F. Kingston, R. H. Martin, G. M. Robb, J. A. Russel, most of whom soon appeared.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Louis Meyer was excused from attendance upon the Synod until Monday morning, and R. M. Sommerville was excused from attendance upon the session of tomorrow morning.

Licentiate R. E. Wilson addressed the Synod.

Paper No. 15.—Letter from the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Scotland. The letter was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Nominations presented a partial report. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations respectfully reports as follows:

Committee on Inter-Church Conference on Federation—R. M. Sommerville, D. H. Elliott and W. R. Marvin.

Committee to formulate action on the memorial of students of Theological Seminary—C. McLeod Smith, T. P. Stevenson, W. J. Coleman, Edwin L. Dodds and J. A. McAteer.

Committee on the death of Dr. David McAllister—R. M. Sommerville, T. H. Acheson and A. B. Copeland.

On the death of J. I. Frazier—R. J. George, W. P. Johnston and J. G. Dodds.

On the death of W. W. Wilson—W. H. George, J. G. McElhinney and J. R. Magee.

To fill vacancies on the Committee on Temperance—J. S. McGaw and M. M. Pearce.

To prepare a denominational catechism and manual of doctrine—G. A. Edgar, J. A. Black, R. C. Wylie, J. C. McFeeters, C. McLeod Smith, J. Milligan Wylie and J. M. Coleman.

Respectfully submitted.

The Committee on Psalmody reported. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

*PSALMS VERSUS HYMNS.

DEFINITION.

The Psalms are the Hundred and Fifty poems, indited by the Holy Spirit, written by inspired men, bound up in the heart of the Bible, recast in metrical versions, and sung in the worship of God.

The Hymns are the various collections of verse composed by uninspired men and received by some churches to be sung in divine service as a part of God's worship.

AUTHORIZATION.

The Psalms are authorized of God to be sung in His praise. From the beginning God zealously safeguarded the whole system of His worship by definite instructions and commands. He authorized what He would accept, and gave unmistakable evidence that he would accept only what he authorized. The Book of Psalms clearly bears the seal of His authorization. "Let us come before His presence with thankfulness, and make a joyful noise unto Him with Psalms." Ps. 95:2.

The Hymns are unauthorized. In relation to God's Book of Praise, they are additional, extraneous, unwarranted, bearing only the sanction of man. With authority that is merely human, they are often offered up as praise to the great and dreadful God whose Name is holy. Well might the worshipper pause and listen to God's chalenge: "When ye come to appear before Me, who hath required this at your hands. Isaiah 1:12.

INSPIRATION.

The Psalms are all inspired. The Holy Spirit guided the writers in such a manner that, while their minds were perfectly free to act, their pen was unerringly exact in writing what God intended His church to sing in His worship. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." II. Pet. 1:21.

The Hymns are uninspired. Men are no longer infallibly guided by the Holy Spirit in writing or speaking for the church. Even hymnists are unwilling to accept the consequence of claiming for their poems parity with the Bible. "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." Rev. 22:18.

PERFECTION.

The Psalms are all perfect. Having their origin in God, and proceeding from inspired men, they are all pure, all true, all good, all great. From first to last they have no dross, no error, no weakness, no

The Hymns are imperfect. Proceeding from fallible men, they must in the very nature of the case be more or less impure. The cup may be engraved silver or gold, but the contents will be colored

unworthy thought, no dead parts. "The words of God are pure words, as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." Ps. 12:6.

with the imperfections of the writer. "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one." Job 19:4.

COMPLETENESS.

The Book of Psalms is a complete manual of praise. God has given it to His church as a finished book, indited, edited and authorized by Himself for His worship. God begins His book of praise with a beatitude as a fountain-head of blessings, from which His own thoughts roll and swell in awful volume and grandeur, till at last they end in doxologies that break upon the sky like the noise of many waters. Thus the book is homogeneous and unique. Jesus makes distinct mention of "The Book of Psalms." Luke 20:42.

Hymn books are incomplete. Hymns grow old, wear out and are cast off. They are fresh today and stale tomorrow. Like a field of flowers, they are beautiful for a season, then wither. Hymnals, like houses, are frequently in need of repair, and the editor's judgment determines the alterations. With what hesitation should the worshipper approach God in the use of a hymnody that is always in need of improvement. "And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil?" Mal. 1:8.

FULL OF CHRIST.

The Psalms are full of Christ. The language is scintillating with His names and titles like the starry sky; while His Spirit flows through all the Book like a river, even the river of God's grace. Jesus appears in the Psalms as the Son of God, the Son of Man, and the Sun of Righteousness, the Christ, the Saviour, the Priest, the Sacrifice, the Judge, the Lawgiver, the Servant, the Teacher, the Friend, the Bridegroom, the Conqueror, the Light of the World, the Tree of Life, the River of God, the Lord of Hosts, the King of Glory. This Book is Christ's crystal palace, ever radiant with His Person. His Spirit breathes through the Hundred and Fifty. Every Psalm vibrates with his energy, earnestness and grace. He Himself says that the things concerning Him "were written in the Psalms." Luke 24:44.

The Hymns at best can have no more of Christ than the hymnist's heart contains. He cannot give out more than he has taken in. What a miniature portrait of Christ, and how imperfect, that which comes from the hand of man, compared with the superb work of the Spirit!. Will the former be preferred to the latter? Yes, by many people. The piou poet digs his little ditch, and from God's great river draws water for his own garden, and large churches turn away from the river to use the poet's ditch. Such folly would amaze angels and sages, were it not so common. "Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon which cometh from the rock of the field? or shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?" Jer. 18:14.

GOD'S CHARACTER.

The Psalms are the Holy Spirit's delineation of God's character. God appears in the Psalms clothed with His resplendent and awe-inspiring attributes. His perfections shine

The Hymns are imperfect representations of God. His love is the favorite theme; His justice is well

forth in overwhelming greatness, in matchless harmony, in dazzling holiness. He dwells in light and in darkness, comes in love and in anger, speaks in mercy and in judgment, moves in gentleness and in mightiness. The glory of His Person is in evidence in the Psalms, from the portal of entrance to the gate of exit. The Holy Spirit, who gives us this description of God, "searches all things, yea, the deep things of God." I. Cor. 2:10.

nigh forgotten. The hymns warp God's character, dwarf His personality, mar His countenance, by fulsome expansion of mercy and baneful neglect of judgment. They are man's distorted conception of the High and Holy One who says: "Be still and know that I am God. Thou thoughest that I was such an one as thyself; but I will reprove thee." Ps. 50:21.

HUMAN EXPERIENCE.

The Psalms cover the widest range of human experience. They give a lifelike picture of man in nature and man in grace; yea, a gallery of portraits, exhibiting life from the cradle to the skies; sorrow and joy, doubting and faith, warfare and peace, defeat and victory, bondage and liberty, abandonment and companionship, lamentations and hallelulias. How true to life these sacred, rugged, matchless Psalms! They are God's answer to man's question: "Lord, what is man, that Thou takest knowledge of him?" Ps. 144:3.

The Hymns are of necessity as narrow as the man that makes them. And the broadest man on earth is as narrow as a blade of grass, and his poems small as the flower of the grass, in comparison with God, who has given the church the poetry of His heart or the celebration of His praise. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." Is. 55:9.

SPIRITUAL FOOD.

The Psalms supply rich nourishment for the soul. They are laden with the strong doctrines of grace and salvation. They abound in prayers, promises, experiences, consolations and commandments. Every word, having proceeded from God, is meat in the mouth of the eater; the verses are baskets of fruit for the hungry; each Psalm is a table covered with God's bounties. "How sweet are Thy words to my taste; yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." Ps. 119:103.

The Hymns are merely the fruitage of man's mind; the product of man's thoughts. Beautiful as field flowers, they are not like God's ripe harvest; sparkling as electric lights, they are not like God's health-giving sun. What is a cup of water compared with the mighty river? what a slice of bread, compared with the table of a king? The hmyns create and expresss sentiment, but fail to nourish conviction and power. They make wet eyes, but not fat souls. "What is the wheat to the chaff, saith the Lord." Jer. 23:8.

TERMINATING ON GOD.

The Psalms, as used in worship, terminate on God. The question never arises in the heart of the devout worshipper; How will the Psalms affect man? Will they

The Hymns are intended chiefly to terminate on man. Their highest aim is to win souls. They are prepared and rendered to draw, to please, to entertain and arouse the

draw? Will they please? Will they entertain? Such questions would be an offence to this Book of God and to the God of this Book. The Psalms may delight or grieve, attract or repel, justify or convict, exalt or humiliate; yet through all their mysterious operations on the heart of man their music rolls in ceaseless waves upon the eternal throne, ascribing glory to God in the highest. "Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, and Thy glory above all the earth." Ps. 108:5.

people. They appeal to the emotions, and give satisfaction according as they affect the worshipper. They terminate in nerve vibrations rather than on God. Like a cloud at sea, they fall back upon the surface from which they arose. Surely such strange efforts at praise should awaken serious questions. "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet please men, I should not be the servant of God." Gal. 1:10.

ACCEPTED OF GOD.

The Psalms carry the assurance of acceptance. The worshipper can be assured that his offering is well pleasing to God. That which has come from God for His service is sure to go back to God in His service. The Psalms, presented to God in faith and love, are a sacrifice without blemish, a sweet savor unto the Lord. What comfort in being assured of acceptance when we appear before God in His worship? "I will accept you with your sweet savor." Ezek. 20:41.

The Hymns afford no assurance of acceptance. They are without God's warrant; they are tinctured with human imperfections; they are liable to be cast out any day, even by their own devotees, as salt that has lost its savor. How, then, can the worshipper be assured that God accepts the dubious offering? Does not the heart suspect and condemn the act? "Cursed be the deceiver * * * which voweth, and offereth unto the Lord a corrupt thing." Mal. 1:14.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. We deem it our duty to testify publicly and earnestly to the important fact that the Hundred and Fifty Psalms are God's own Book of Praise, prepared by the Holy Spirit for universal use, to the exclusion of all other songs and hymns.

2. This Book of Praise constitutes the only divine basis of worship and doctrine upon which the churches can form a real and permanent union. This being true, the use of hymns involves the sin of discord and schism in the church, which is the body of Christ.

3. Covenanters are committed, under the bond of a solemn covenant, to the exclusive use of the Psalms in the praise of God, and cannot depart from this rule at any time or in any place without breaking their covenant and dishonoring the oath.

4. We earnestly urge upon all our churches the duty of improving congregational singing by the systematic study and practice of music, that the musical rendering of the Psalms may be in accord with their divine character.

J. C. McFEETERS,
T. M. SLATER,
W. J. McBURNEY,
J. C. GEORGE,
C. R. MILLER.

*The terms, "Psalms" and "Hymns," are here used in the popular sense. The hymns and songs to which reference is made in the New Testament are all, on best authority, found in the Old Testament Psalter. "In the Septuagint version the titles of the Psalms are variously rendered 'Psalm,' 'Hymn' and 'Song.' In the New Testament we find our Lord and His apostles singing a hymn after the institution of the Lord's Supper; Paul and Silas doing the same in their prison at Philippi; James recommending Psalm singing, and Paul 'Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.' All the words thus used were applied by the LXX. to the Davidical Psalms."—Encyclopedia Britannica, article on Hymns.

The report was referred to the Committee on Testimony Bearing for publication in tract form.

The following resolutions were adopted:

IMPROVING OUR METRICAL VERSION OF THE PSALMS.

I.

As it is important in the highest sense that we have a version of the Psalms on which we can all unite and which will be fairly satisfactory to all the members of the Church, a version that will conserve the old and gain the best of the new, and at the same time be in conformity, as far as possible, with all those who use the Psalms in worship; therefore, Resolved, that taking the old Scottish version as a basis, a Committee be appointed to select not more than fifty Psalms of other than common metres from the new union version, either from the form now before the Church or from the form that may be decided upon during the coming year, these fifty Psalms to be second metres to as many Psalms in the old version, and this Committee to report their selection to the next meeting of Synod.

II.

As it is desirable to have as few second versions as possible, and as the common metres of the Psalms in the old version having two versions are seldom used; therefore, Resolved, that in the Psalm book to be prepared one or the other of the metres of the thirteen Psalms in the old version having double metres be omitted.

III.

As the old version has some weak points that need strengthening, and as it is a tedious process and not likely to reach satisfactory results to attempt to mend these; therefore, Resolved, that the Committee be authorized, whenever in the judgment of two-thirds of its number better verses of the same metre can be found in the joint version, to replace the defective verse with the corresponding one from the union version.

IV.

As the music to which the Psalms are to be sung is of great importance, and as it is greatly to be desired that each Psalm or portion of a Psalm have its own tune; therefore, Resolved, that a Committee

be appointed to select tunes for this proposed Psalm book to be issued in the form of the old Keys book, the work of this Committee to be also submitted to the next meeting of Synod.

V.

As this book will have in it both old and new, as it will have a greater variety than any Psalm book that we have ever had, as it is on lines of uniformity as far as it can be secured, and as it will, we trust, have the best music, solemn, sweet and for the most part, we hope, well tried; therefore, Resolved, that as far as can be accomplished without disturbing the peace of congregations, this proposed Psalm book be urged on the favorable attention of the Church, and that great effort be made to have it published of durable material and at reasonable price.

VI.

As it is not desirable to have many versions and forms of the Psalms in use; therefore, Resolved, that as far as may be without inconvenience to the people, other editions of the Psalms be allowed to wait until Synod passes upon the report of these Committees.

VII.

Considering the one hundred and nineteenth Psalm as twenty-two; therefore, Resolved, that the Committee be authorized to choose second metres for ten parts in addition to the fifty already provided for.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to report the names of nine persons to compose the Committee on the selection of metres, and five to compose the Committee on selection of music.

Item 10 of Unfinished Business was laid on the table indefinitely.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by W. P. Johnston.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Saturday, May 30, 9 A. M. Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: W. C. Allen, S. G. Conner, Wm. Hogan, Wm. McFarland, M. M. Pearce, most of whom soon appeared.

Minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read and approved.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Education presented a partiel report. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3and 4 were adopted. The partial report was adopted, and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND EDUCATION.
(Partial Report.)

The Committee on the Theological Seminary and Education would report on the letter of Prof. D. B. Wilson, D. D., asking to be relieved of a part of his department in the Seminary on account of ill health, and the selection of an additional professor to whom part of his work would be given.

On this paper we would recommend:

1. That the Synod expresses its deep sympathy with Prof. Wilson in his long continued sickness, and cherishes the hope that his health may be fully recovered.

II. That he may be relieved of part of his work, we recommend that his request be granted, and that Synod elect aonther professor for the Seminary.

III. That 9:30 a. m. Tuesday next be fixed as the time for said election.

IV. That the assignment of the work to the professors be left with the Board of Superintendents in connection with the professors.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported. The report of the board of Trustees of Geneva College also transmitted to Synod. These reports were received and refrred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

The report of the Exacutive Committee of the National Reform Association was read by the Corresponding Secretary. The report was received and referred to the Committee on National Reform, and the Committee on Finance.

Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform reported. The report was received and referred to the Committee on National Reform, and the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing reported. The report was received, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Items 3, 4 and 5. Adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONY BEARING.

The general current of defection that seems to characterize the church life of the present day calls for a more decided and effective testimony than ever before from those who hold the truth and who

intend to be faithful. The need is great both inside and outside the church. The things which remain are to be strengthened, and safety is to be found only in an aggressive movement for that which is right.

In accord with this necessity your committee desire above all things to see all the available force of our Church on the home field begin and carry on an active campaign for righteousness in the presentation of our principles to the world around us. This will need to begin in a renewed interest and activity in our own congregations, then in an enlistment of the members of the Church, old and young, in scattering literature, arranging for meetings and in supporting the hands of the pastor when he goes out to preach the gospel of the kingdom. Classes should be formed of our young people to study the leaflets presenting our position, that the arguments to sustain it may be well in hand and ready to be given to all who ask us a reason of the faith that is in us.

This last year we have sent out a large amount of literature, mostly in the shape of packages containing one each of all the tracts that we publish. These were ordered through the advertisements of "A Free Library," that were published for us without charge by the editors of the Christian Nation and of the Reformed Presbyterian Standard, to whom our best thanks are due for the substantial assistance they have given in the circulation of our literature. Mr. McGaw's tract, "Ten Reasons Why I Would Not Join a Secret Society," and Mr. Slater's tract on "Nicknaming the Sabbath" have been in special demand. We would like to have the means to advertise our literature in the papers of other Churches, an experiment which was tried last year with large results.

The Rev. W. J. McKnight, who was chosen lecturer by Synod last year, has been in the employ of the Committee since July 1st. That month and August were devoted to special preparation; in September he gave the course to the congregation where he had been pastor, and in October his work in the field began. "Since then," he says, "I have delivered the whole course of lectures, in full, 14 times. On 12 occasions I selected one lecture from the course. Also, during this period, I preached 40 times, making in all 122 lectures and sermons in the past eight months, or 127 altogether."

Your Committee has not attempted to prescribe to Mr. McKnight the method he shall follow in the prosecution of his work, seeing he has a plan of his own and believing that this plan should receive a fair and full trial. We think it not a little remarkable that a man can hold his audience five nights in succession, and hour and a half each evening, on such themes as those presented by Mr. McKnight. There are certainly some people who are willing to endure sound doctrine. The only question about his method is the difficulty of securing a hearing outside, and there are evidences that this also will be secured in time. He is engaged in a very important and at the same time a very trying and arduous field, and therefore he and his work should be made the subject of fervent prayer on the part of all who desire to see our principles preserved in their integrity and made to prevail in our land. This prayer and supplication for the blessing of the Master upon our work is the more needful in that it is certain that those who pray for it will also pay generously for its support.

In accordance with the action taken last Synod, Thursday evening has been assigned us and a programme for that meeting has been prepared.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Rev. W. J. McKnight be elected Synod's lecturer on

Testimony Bearing for the coming year, and that an additional lecturere, the Rev. J. S. McGaw, be also chosen for the same time.

2. That an appropriation of five thousand dollars be made for the support of this work.

3. That the ministers of the Church be urged to go out and lecture on our distinctive principles in such places of meeting as can be secured in their vicinity, and that the elders be exhorted to aid them in this work.

4. That classes be formed under the care of pastors for the study of the literature setting forth our principles.

5. That prayer be made continually for the blessing of God upon our work.

W. J. COLEMAN,
JAMES S. TIBBY,
R. J. GAULT,
B. M. SHARP.
E. L. McKNIGHT.
OLIVER WYLIE.

The Mission Conference reported. The report was received, and Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 16. Communication from the Central Board of Missions. The paper was read and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance reported. The report was accepted and adopted, and the financial item was referred to the Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would report that the work of the year has been along the line of education. This has been done by means of posters, the same as issued last year; of these 64,000 were printed. We have issued a number of new posters during the year and have also kept up the stock of the ones previously printed. The new ones are as follows:

The liquor traffic is a cancer in society.

We seek a stainless flag and a saloonless state.

Prohibition at its worst is better than license at its best.

Nothing will put a boy in touch with the saloon quicker than a cigarette.

State-wide Prohibition merely gives a good position from which to fight the liquor traffic.

Men are above money, but the saloon robs us of both.

Can a man use tobacco and respect the rights of others?

To secure the benefits of State Prohibition, National Prohibiton is necessary.

"Alcohol is a food"—rich food for the undertaker and the poor-house.

We succeeded in a number of instances in having these posters put up in Chautauqua meetings, also in several local and county fairs. We believe that this work should be enlarged and extended to reach

Chautauquas and fairs. In a number of cases where local option contests were on we had calls for supplies, which we met in every instance, sending what was required, and in many instances replies came to us full of appreciation for the help given. In the states where the question of prohibition was to be decided, supplies were sent out in large quantities. In Oklahoma a great deal of time and effort were spent in publicity, and we judge that the results show that a great many had been led to right thinking by this means. Some of the most enthusiastic in posting temperance sentiments were Indians, they being well informed as to what the saloon meant in their midst.

Rev. W. J. McBurney spent over three months in Oklahoma, and by his work with the chalk as well as by his speaking gave efficient help.

We also kept up this work of publicity by the use of seals or stickers, and have added a number of new designs. Two of these are especially directed against tobacco. During the year we have had 186,000 of these printed.

Soon after Congress met we had a double postal card printed, with room on side for a regular postal message and also a request that whoever received the card would sign the return half of it and send to a Congressman. These cards were as follows:

"Hon.....

"Dear Sir: It will be a satisfaction to us to know that you are supporting the measures in Congress intended—

"To prohibit the sale of intoxicants in all property controlled by the United States Government.

"To prohibit the shipment of liquor into prohibition states.

"To prohibit the importation of opium under the strictest regulation.

And to prohibit the sale of cigarettes."

Name.....

Town.....

State.....

Nineteen thousand of these were printed.

We sent samples of the posters to all the County Superintendents of public schools in Kansas and Oklahoma, asking them to select ones they thought suitable and we would mail them to the list of teachers in their county. Very favorable replies were received in many cases, and these posters were furnished to public schools in this way. We did this with the thought in mind that it was necessary to keep temperance ideas before the minds of the youth, if we would hold the victory already gained. We believe this work could be extended to other states with great profit.

A number of times during the year samples and notices were sent to congregational correspondents, and in only a few instances did we receive replies. We believe their co-operation is of the first importance, and that every session should see that the correspondent in the congregation pushes all the literature that we furnish them, and so far as possible that they stir up the congregation to their best work. If this is not the case in any congregation, we urge the session to see that someone is appointed that will do this work.

The Committee was not able to get the regular assistance to take up the clerical work contemplated in our recommendation last year, but other agencies have taken this up and accomplished it in large part. Miss Emma McFarland, in addition to her work in the Mission among the Apache Indians, did a large part of the clerical work required this year.

We desire to make the work of the Committee so wide that it will demand the whole time of one person to attend to the correspondence and literature. The cost of the work during this year is shown by the report of the treasurer, and we believe that the appropriation last year was none too large to carry on the work in an effective way, and we would ask that the same amount ($2,000.00) be appropriated this year and that there be an earnest effort to raise this amount.

We believe the forms of publicity that have occupied our efforts this year are good and an effective way of teaching temperance sentiment, and should be continued by the Committee and seconded by the efforts of every member of the congregation.

W. W. CARITHERS,
T. G. GRAHAM,
A. M. MITCHELL.

The Jewish Mission Board reported. The report was received and, together with Item 13 of Unfinished Business, was referred to Committee on Home Missions, Committee on Finance and Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

That it is the duty of the Covenanter Church to do evangelistic work no one will deny. It is a part of the great commission given by Christ to his disciples. However much we may believe in missions and reform, yet this phase of our church work is very important. We believe that it is deserving of our most serious attention. No congregation can justly claim to have done her whole duty without some effort along this particular line.

Let us advance a few reasons why we believe our own Church pre-eminently fitted for doing evangelistic work.

I. We have the money.

It is impossible to carry forward any plan without money. There must be a little capital with which to start. It is required to secure a place of meeting, to buy Bible and Psalm books and to furnish tracts when necessary. While the expense, generally speaking, is not large, yet it is an item with which we must always reckon in doing work of this kind.

It has been brought to our attention that a number of our congregations today are engaged in evangelistic work. This movement is more widely spread in our own Church than the casual observer might think. Only recently we were talking upon this very subject with some of these pastors. Without a single exception they give us the same testimony. Whenever they have proposed this work the money has always been ready. What little experience we have had along this line only goes to verify what these pastors have already said.

Not long ago a very striking illustration of this truth was brought to our attention. Nine miles in the country from a certain western town in which a Coevnanter congregation is located there is a forsaken Free M. E. Church. Thinking it a good place to open up a

mission, the pastor and session took steps in that direction. They secured the church with little cost and began public service at 8 p. m. on each Sabbath. The audiences have gradually increased both in number and interest. At present the congregation is considering the advisability of buying the church and making it a permanent mission station. The pastor writes: "If we think best to buy it, although at a cost of $275.00, I have no doubt that the money will be raised." We mention this not only to show what is being done, but also to encourage others to seek similar opportunities.

II. We have the men.

Not only do we need the money, but also the men. The former is essential, but likewise the latter. It is impossible to carry forward evangelistic work successfully without a number of earnest, conscientious and devoted workers. In this respect, also, we believe that our Church is well equipped. Intellectually, morally and spiritually our pastors stand in the foreranks of their profession. This is a truth as widely known as the Covenanter Church itself. Tact, grace and wisdom being necessary to evangelistic work, the ministry of our Church will compare favorably with that of any other denomination. In passing, let us say that while our homes have lent their influence in this direction, yet our College and Seminary have also done much in thus preparing our young men for this important work.

Aside from our ministry we have a number of young people who also show great fitness in this direction. No doubt each congregation can boast of a few who belong to this class. It is to these followers that the pastor looks for support in doing evangelistic work. While they may not have any unusual amount of the wisdom of this world, yet they seem to appreciate the value of an immortal soul and the necessity of winning it for Christ.

III. We have the method.

To our mind this is important. Among other things, our service is simple. It is not difficult to follow it. How often this has been the testimony of strangers visiting us for the first time. So accustomed are they to an elaborate service that ours appeals to them with peculiar interest. They are struck with the simplicity of our approach unto God, and consequently attracted to our Church. We dare say that a Covenanter minister can open up a mission station in a school house or store room with less trouble and expense than ministers of many other denominations. He who thinks that the simplicity of our service is a hindrance to us instead of an advantage is sadly deceived, needs only to try the experiment himself to have his fears completely dispelled.

Yet that is not all. Not only is our service simple, but also Scriptural. None of us would doubt that for a moment. Our exclusive use of the Psalms unaccompanied by any musical instrument is in accordance with the mind of God. Our administration of the sacraments, our explanation of the Psalms, our manner of presenting divine truth, are in line with that method followed during the earlier days of the Church. Believing that "it is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," that men are regenerated, as a Church we have sought in that way to advance the kingdom of Christ. Since our method is simple and Scriptural, how faithless it is for us to doubt the certainty of God's blessing upon this particular part of our Church work.

IV. We have the message.

The message which we bear to the world we believe to be the message of Christ. Among other things, it is our duty to preach missions. Our message includes that. It would be incomplete without it. We feel it our duty to assist in discipling all nations.

We also regard it our duty to preach reform. It is needless to say that this subject is very thoroughly set forth by the ministry of our Church. It includes Sabbath réform, Temperance reform, Social reform, Anti-Secret reform, also National reform and many other reforms of kindred nature. Believing it to be a part of the message which we have received from the Head of the Church, we seek every opportunity to deliver it to those for whom it is intended.

And yet we go still further than that. We also feel it our duty to preach purity of life. We believe this to be a part of that message given to us. No man can omit preaching of this kind and in our judgment be a true ambassador of Christ. As a Chruch we enforce our message by enjoining upon all of our members a life of entire separation from sin. Whatever is the reform we wish to present, if we also show that Christ requires this separation of each true disciple, we greatly enhance our preaching and can the more reasonably expect to realize the end we seek. In working among mission scholars we recognize it our duty to declare plainly and fully the whole truth of God, even the Kingship of the Lord Jesus Christ. Being faithful in this respect to Him "whose we are and whom we serve," it is only reasonable to expect His blessing upon this part of our work. The end for which we have so long labored and prayed will come as certainly "as the daylight when the night is done."

We close with the following recommendations:

I. That as pastors and sessions we seek in our own community opportunities for doing evangelistic work.

II. That we recognize in the manner of our service an element of power for winning souls unto Christ.

III. That we teach and preach the Gospel of Christ, even His Kingship in its fulness, to our mission scholars, believing its acceptance essential to a rounded out Christian life.

S. J. JOHNSTON,
W. J. SANDERSON,
E. L. McKNIGHT,
JAS. HUMPHRIES.
Committee.

The Committee on the Sabbath reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

SABBATH REPORT.

Those who acknowledge the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, and the only rule of faith and manners, need not spend much time theorizing on the Sabbath question. The commandment is given in plain language, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man, according to His own word concerning the la,w, came not to destroy, but to fulfill. Accordingly, "as his custom was, he went into the synagogue (the accustomed place of worship) on the Sabbath day." Not only did he approve of the seventh day Sabbath, but from the time of His resurrection set His seal upon the first day, or Christian Sabbath, by repeatedly bestowing special blessings upon his disciples in their observance of that day. "His commandments are not grievous. In keeping of them there is great reward."

As regards the observance of the Sabbath, the Scriptures teach us "the Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day,

even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy." Under the former dispensation cessation of all labor was required. Lest any should frame an excuse for labor under "pressure of circumstances," the command was given plainly, "In earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest." In the worship of that day additional offerings were required. Presentation of these offerings was an acknowledgment of God's claim upon the day as His own. In our day we have no more license to labor than Israel of old and no more liberty to seek our own pleasure or to shorten the hours of worship. Claiming such license or exercising such liberty must result only in evil. God blesses the Sabbath keeper—not merely for keeping it, but in keeping it. In rightly keeping the Sabbath true Christian character is developed; the bonds of affection between members of the household are strengthened and regarded as more sacred; reverence for God and all His ordinances increases and, assured by personal experience, the Sabbath keeper may say with the Psalmist, "It is good for me to draw near to God." When we are thrust into the world no memory is sweeter, more helpful and more comforting than that of Sabbath solemnities in the sanctuary or in our childhood's home. In Sabbath keeping the mind is stored with valuable material for future use. God punishes Sabbath breakers. Much of the punishment visited is a natural consequence of such sin. The day is one for religious instruction, that we may learn righteousness; if we neglect the means of increasing our knowledge of God and His will, the natural consequence is such ignorance as renders us weak and exposes us to the powers of Satan. The present is a time when we need to be strong. Enemies of the Sabbath are bold in defiance of God's law and cunning in contriivng temptations for the weak and unwary. The United States Government, having rejected the Lord of the Sabbath, continues its mail service on the Sabbath, thus desecrating the day and excluding from civil service conscientious Christian people, who are possessed of such character as God approves in public servants. The present political campaign, even at this stage, furnishes a record of Sabbath desecration that is simply appalling. Gospel ministers of national reputation give their approval, and while seeking reform ignore the divinely appointed means of securing it.

The love of money is one of the chief enemies. Great corporations—and many not so great—trample under foot the law of the Sabbath.

The Sabbath is called a "harvest" for real estate agents. Merchants keep open doors. Among their customers are cuhrch people. We are no longer excluded from the common class of church people. Our members encourage the open meat market; possibly the store and postoffice. Take the newspaper that uses its immense power to destroy the Sabbath. On the Lord's day officers as well as members patronize street cars and railways that are run for revenue only, and thus help to wrest from laboring men—motormen, conductors and others—the Sabbath rest and privilege of worship. All this under a plea of "doing good." It may be worth while to consider whether we are drifting to where we shall say, with those whose hands were imbrued in our fathers' blood, "The end justifies the means." Pleasure seekers still encourage the running of trains on the Sabbath. The wealthy, with their automobiles, infest public highways of rural districts and render the journey to and from church services a dangerous undertaking for those who must use their farm teams. Even

church members use a part of the day for social visiting. "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." God is long suffering, likewise the people of God; yet a time may come, a condition may exist, when to endure longer is not Godlike. That time and condition appear to be at hand. Consequently God's people are arising, if not in wrath, in righteous indignation. They of Pennsylvania and the east are saying to the great daily papers, notorious for their Sabbath breaking: Your vile productions shall no longer enter our homes to defile the youth. They are not worthy the support of Christian people and shall not have it. We propose to have a daily that will honor the Lord's day. A modern Nehemiah has appeared in Kansas City in the person of Judge Wallace. What thousands would declare impossible he has already accomplished by enforcement of law, and from the public platform promises the good work shall go on. On a smaller scale Minneapolis, with many other cities, towns and villages, furnish evidence of reform. The same spirit is working in foreign lands. The work is of the Holy Spirit. Various methods are employed by those seeking Sabbath reform. We may be inclined to condemn some of them. God is using men and women who love him, his day, his worship. He is using those who desire only a rest day. Possibly those who desire only a holiday. In the language of Robert Pollock:

"Much wheat, much chaff, much gold and much alloy,
But God wrought with the whole—wrought most with what
To man seemed weakest means—and brought result
Of good from good and evil both."

We recommend:

1. That Synod renew its condemnation of every form of Sabbath desecration and urge our people to a careful, Scriptural observance of the Sabbath.

2. That Sessions and Presbyteries be instructed not to ordain or install to office any who are careless or negligent in the matter of Sabbath observance.

3. That our people heartily co-operate with others in every lawful measure to secure to laboring classes a Sabbath rest and to all a Sabbath for worship.

4. That we urge our people to importunity in prayer to the Lord of the Sabbath that He will turn back the proud enemy and secure to His people a holy Sabbath.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. W. STEVENSON,
S. G. CONNER,
JAMES PARK,
O. C. ORR.

Rev. J. P. Sharp, D. D., was granted the privilege of addressing the Synod briefly on behalf of the Pennsylvania Sabbath Rest Association. The request of Dr. Sharp for the appointment of representatives of this Synod to meet with like representatives from other ecclesiastical bodies for the purpose of forming a National Sabbath Rest Association was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Synod engaged in devotional exercises, R. W. Wallace leading.

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by W. J. Coleman.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Monday, June 1st, 9:30 A. M. Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of Saturday morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on the State of Religon reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee in seasonable time sent the following inquiries to the 116 Congregations of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

"What can you say as to the state of religion in your Congregation?

"1. Attendance upon services?
"2. Observance of the Sabbath?
"3. Liberality of the Congregation?
"4. Cultivation of religion in the home?
"5. Evidences of abiding personal piety?
"6. Any special Bible study?
"7. Any special evangelistic services?"

To these questions replies have been received from Vermont to California and Washington; but answers have come from but 66 of the 116 Congregations of the Church. That is, 57 per cent of the Congregations have answered your Committee. It is quite evident, therefore, that your Committee finds it practically impossible to give a report of the state of religion in the whole Church from these partial reports. And yet your Committee must make up their report from these returns. These replies are valuable and instructive, varying from deep discouragement to great hopefulness. The large majority are in the latter tone.

Nearly all reply that the attendance upon the morning church services is good. Some complain of the light attendance upon the evening services. Yet many speak in general terms of good attendance at all the services. Many mention the fact of the small attendance upon the mid-week prayer meeting. Nearly all reply in the affirmative as to the observance of the Sabbath. This is gratifying in view of abounding disregard of the Sabbath.

Nearly all speak in terms of approval of the liberality of the Congregations. Mention is made of many giving the tithe.

Of the sixty-six Congregations reporting, sixty speak in terms of encouragement with respect to the cultivation of religion in the home, and the evidences of personal piety. Of course qualifying expressions are employed in making this general statement, such as "It might be better"; "There is much imperfection, but evidences of growth in grace"; "Refraining from participating in the evil customs to which they are more or less exposed"; "The drift of our time is against personal piety, but people who walk straight must be doing something to hold themselves up to the standard"; "Interest, liberality, readiness to work"; "A devout and reverent spirit"; "Great comfort in fellowship with God"; "Manner of everyday life"; "An earnest and reverent regard for the commandments of God"; "The kindness of the members of the Congregation one with another." Your Committee dwell particularly upon this question, because the state of religion in the Congregation and in the individual heart is determined by the answer to this question. It is quite possible that too much stress may be put upon the intellectual elements of the state of religion; but after all, the religious state rests upon what is finally done with these elements of knowledge. The heart is the religious solvent for the resultant life. This is church self-examination. The dear old Puritan, Richard Baxter, has taught us that it is a very difficult, but most helpful exercise.

In answer to the question as to special Bible study but thirteen reply in the affirmative, but all properly refer to the faithful study of the Bible in the Sabbath School.

As to special evangelistic services but twelve reply in the affirmative, but nearly all refer to evangelistic efforts every Sabbath day. Several make mention of helpful evangelistic services in connection with communion sasons and also in Missions.

Your Committee would recommend:

I. That this report from Congregations to Synod's Committee be a sessional matter.

II. That the Congregations should be encouraged to maintain the position they have gained and to advance upon it.

III. That parents be exhorted to put to their hands and hearts with more energy in giving Christian training and nurture to their children in the home, and in no sense vacate to the Sabbath School teacher their position of responsibility here, seeing that nothing can take the place of home training.

IV. That the Sabbath School should be made more helpful in the study of the Bible and in drawing hearts to Christ.

V. That greater emphasis should be placed upon the prayer life of the Church and all agencies in that direction.

VI. That pastors be encouraged to hold more extended services in connection with their communion seasons, and also that a larger effort be made in the way of holding evangelistic meetings for the purpose of reaching the public.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. PADEN,
ROBERT CLARKE,
DELBER H. ELLIOTT.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare a memorial to the proper authorities of the State of Illinois relative to the reading of the Bible in the common schools of the State. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Young People's Societies presented no report.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath School has a threefold purpose—to bring souls to Christ, build them up in Christ and prepare them for Christ's service. So far as it fails in accomplishing the first it must fail in accomplishing the second and third, for conversion is fundamental, vital, pivotal. Unless those under our religious training are won to Christ they are lost to the Church, to Christ's service in the world and to heaven. As the Cross divides all history, so conversion is the determining factor in every life. God has made it the first step in adjustment to His kingdom. To realize the conversion of those committed to our religious training is therefore our first obligation.

Conversions do not occur with equal frequency through life. there is a normal period in life for a decision for Christ. Just as there is a natural time in the life of the plant that has been cultivated to bring forth fruit, so there is a natural time in the life of the person who has had spiritual training to bring forth the fruit of conversion. If the plant passes this period without bringing forth fruit the likelihood is that it will never bring forth fruit. So it is with the person. We are accustomed to say, and truly, that youth is the normal period for conversion. Recent investigations, conducted with scientific accuracy, have gone farther and shown that there are particular periods in the life of boys and girls at which conversions occur with greatest frequency. Professor Starbuck made investigations on this subject covering about thirteen hundred cases, carefully selected from representatives of all evangelical denominations. His investigations showed that among girls there are two tidal waves of religious awakening, one at thirteen, a higher wave at sixteen and a much less significant one at eighteen. Among boys the great wave is at sixteen, preceded by a wavelet at twelve and followed by a surging up at eighteen or nineteen. His investigations showed that there are very few conversions before the age of ten and after the age of twenty. For every ten conversions among the girls at the age of ten there are thirty-six at the age of thirteen, twenty-one at the age of fifteen, forty at the age of sixteen, twenty-five at the age of eighteen, twelve at the age of twenty. Professor Coe has made investigations along the same line, and his conclusions agree practically with those just given. Moreover, the observation and experience of religious workers accord with the results of these careful investigations. These figures show where the normal period of conversion lies. Within this period, the period of adolescence, when psychological and physiological changes are taking place, when the ideals of life are forming and character is being fixed, the boys and girls should be led to definite decision for Christ. It is God's time for conversion. Comparatively few decide for Christ when they get fairly into the twenties. Ninety-two per cent of the members of the Church in the United States were gathered into its fellowship before they were twenty-three, the vast majority before they were eighteen. "Childhood is the battleground of the kingdom."

In this matter of leading souls to decide for Christ the Sabbath School has a magnificent opportunity and a correspondingly great responsibility. It is the best field for evangelistic work the world

affords. A larger proportion of unconverted persons attend the Sabbath School services than any other service of the Church. They are at the most favorable period for conversion—youth. The teacher has a better opportunity to win them to Christ in the class than the pastor has from the pulpit. Eighty-seven per cent of those now in the Church now are, or were, in the Sabbath School—only thirteen per cent were gathered from those who had no instruction in the Sabbath School.

Does the Sabbath School measure up to its opportunity and responsibility in this matter? It is said that only twenty per cent of those in the Sabbath School are brought into the Church while in the school, that twenty per cent unite with the Church after leaving the school. This means that three out of every five that enter the Sabbath School are never brought to Christ, are lost eternally. This leaves a grievous amount of responsibility somewhere, for it is written, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The Sabbath School fails in a measure at the vital point. There is a terrible leakage here that ought to be stopped.

Why this failure? It is due partly to the fact that teachers in the Sabbath School fail to realize their responsibility in this matter. The teacher's first responsibility for a pupil that has not been brought to Christ is to bring that pupil to Christ. Few teachers appreciate the fact that there is a normal period for conversion, and that unless their pupils decide for Christ within this period the strong probability is that they never will. In many cases the teacher is the only link of connection between Christ and her unsaved pupils, and yet she ofttimes fails to realize this important fact.

This failure is also due in part to the teacher's misconception of her work as a teacher. Many teachers think they have discharged their full duty when they impart the truth. It is theirs, they say, to sow the seed, the harvest depends wholly on God. If the harvest depends wholly on God, how woefully He is failing in many schools! The teacher has something more to do than simply sow the seed. It is God's to make the seed grow and prepare the harvest, but the gathering in of the harvest depends largely upon the teacher. Let the teacher sow with a view to harvesting, sowing the seed suited to the soil of the hearts of the different members of the class, watering the seed sown with her prayers, and let her expect a harvest and labor wisely and earnestly to gather it in. Let her do all this, and there will be no failure of results.

It will place emphasis on the importance of this matter to have a concerted effort in the Sabbath School at certain times to bring pupils to decide for Christ. Let teachers say "For a long time I have been sowing, and unless there has been something wrong with the sowing there must be a harvest waiting, and so for the next five or six weeks I will bend all my energies, with God's help, to securing that harvest." Let pastor, superintendent, officers and teachers meet together in conference, not for the purpose of discussing methods, but the necessity of winning the scholars to Christ. This will mean earnest and specific prayer for their salvation, and somehow it is those who pray much that succeed well. Let time, much time, which is one's very life, be devoted to intimate fellowship with those for whom prayer is being made, and to earnest entreaty that they may accept the Savior. And last of all, let the pastor discourse in the presence of the school on the importance of children taking their stand early for Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Let

all this be done for a month, or two months, carefully, painstakingly, believingly, and then upon a certain fixed day call upon all those who in private have been previously led to accept Christ, publicly to bear witness to Him by rising in the presence of the whole school. Such a course faithfully pursued cannot but be highly beneficial to the entire school, and by no means least of all to those who publicly declare they are Christ's.

We earnestly recommend to all our schools preparation for and observance of such a decision or witnessing day.

J. S. MARTIN,
S. E. GREER,
G. R. STEELE.

The Committee on Signs of the Times reported. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times would respectfully report:

CAUSES OF THANKSGIVING.

In reviewing the events of the past year we find many things which are cheering and encouraging; many things because of which we should be thinkful and rejoice.

We rejoice in the prosperity of the husbandman. The fields have produced bountifully. While there has been business depression in many quarters, and some have been staitened through lack of employment, the great majority of the people have had enough and to spare.

We rejoice that, while some of the standard bearers of the Church have been called home, others are being raised up to take their places. God is taking the children in place of the fathers and making them noble princes on the earth.

We rejoice that the prayers of the Church for missionaries for the foreign fields have been heard, and that a goodly number have gone forth during the past year.

We rejoice that we are living in an age of Bible study; an age in which many eminent scholars are rising up to defend the Scriptures against the assaults of destructive critics.

We rejoice in the activity and successes of evenagelistic agencies, and that through these many thousands have during the past year openly taken their stand on the side of Christ.

We rejoice in the rising tide of prohibition sentiment in every part of the land, and in the dominance of this sentiment in so many districts and states.

We rejoice that there are so many governors, judges and other high officials who are doing all they can to enforce the laws of the land for the suppression of the liquor traffic, Sabbath desecration, gambling and impurity.

We rejoice that so many are willing to listen to the Gospel of the kingdom and are ready to acknowledge Jesus Christ as King of Nations as well as King of Saints.

For these and other reasons Synod appoints the last Thursday of November to be observed as a day of Thanksgiving by all the people under her care. Let all "enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise," and give thanks to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CAUSES OF FASTING.

There are many things in the condition of the Church and many things in the land which call us to turn to the Lord "with fasting and with weeping and with mourning."

We mourn because of the low state of religion in the Church; because of worldliness and the consequent want of spirituality; because so many have made defection from high attainments and so many have lowered the standard of Christian living; because the worship of God is corrupted and human inventions are given the place of divine institutions; because many ministers of religion are seemingly more anxious to please men than God.

We mourn because of divisions in the Church; because of envies and jealousies and strifes; because many are carnal and do not crucify the flesh; because many are at ease in Zion and presuming on covenant relationship, disregard its responsibilities.

We mourn because of the unconcern of many professing Christians for the salvation of souls; because of want of consecration as seen in failure to do personal work for Christ, and in withholding from the Lord tithes and offerings.

We mourn the lawlessness manifested in our times. It is seen in family life. Reverence for parental authority has sadly declined. It is seen in school life. Children in public schools, as well as students in colleges and universities, disregard wise regulations and defy authority. It is seen in church life. There are church members who would fain be a law to themselves. The spirit of lawlessness is specially rampant in civil society. There are organizations of anarchists which commission their members to destroy property and to take life. The hotbed of anarchy is the saloon.

We mourn the prevalence of gambling, which is often fostered by games of cards in the homes of professing Christians, and is continued in pool rooms, on race tracks and in the stock exchange. Its pathway is strewn with mental, moral and spiritual wrecks. It is leading thousands to insanity and suicide.

We mourn the continued refusal of the nations to own the sovereign authority of our Mediatorial King and the supremacy of His law. We lament the continued complicity of the government in the liquor traffic, and its sin in requiring so many of its servants to handle the mails on the Lord's day.

For these and other reasons Synod appoints Thursday of the Week of prayer to be observed by all the people under her care as a day of fasting and confession of sin. Let all humble themselves before God for their personal sins, for the sins of families, of the Church and of the State, and seek forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. TRUMBULL,
M. M. PEARCE,
J. B. DODDS,
W. R. STERRETT,
D. O. JACK,
Committee.

The Committee on Secret Societies reported. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

A request was received at the close of last Synod that the report of this year deal with Labor and Trades Organizations. It was urged that the position of the Church on the general subject of secrecy and its application to the major orders is well known and well enforced. But Labor and Trades Organizations present an entirely different proposition, since their nature is not so well understood, nor our attitude towards them so clearly defined. They also present a question of vital interest to a large proprtion of our people, since the principle of organized labor has prevailed to such an extent in many quarters that it is well nigh impossible for men to secure employment who are not affiliated with some Labor or Trades Organization. That labor has suffered and is still suffering much from unholy combinations among capitalists and employers; that many of the evils now found in connection with labor organizations have originated from and been aggravated by these unholy combinations is fully realized. But to discuss this question would be to go beyond the proper sphere of this Committee, nor would it be of such practical value to the members of the Covenanter Church, since our membership is composed of laborers rather than of capitalists, and few, if, indeed, any of them are affiliated with any of these great combinations of capitalists or employers.

The Committee on Secret Societies in 1901, by the direction of Synod, devoted its report entirely to the subject of Labor and Trades Organizations. At the recommendation of the Committee a special committee was appointed to report to the next Synod on this same subject. The report of this Committee, of which Dr. R. C. Wylie was the chairman, will be found in the Minutes of Synod for 1902, pp. 69-80, and is a thorough and exhaustive discussion, showing wide and careful investigation, and close and discriminating treatment of the entire subject. Those interested will do well to study these reports.

The practical question which confronts us is, What is the attitude of our Church towards Labor Organizations, and what is the duty of our members in relation to them? It will not be necessary, nor would it be possible, for us to enter into a minute examination of all of these organizations, passing judgment upon each one separately. Specific rules cannot be laid down for the guidance of our members in their relations with every specific organization that might be formed, nor would anything be gained by doing so. But general principles can be formulated, by the intelligent application of which to specific cases our members may be able to discover their duty, and Sessions may be guided to wise and just action.

The principle of trades or labor organization is not wrong in itself, but is perfectly legitimate, and may be applied with profit and advantage, and with not less to the employer than to the laborer. Nor will it be denied that many good features may be found in many, perhaps in all existing trades organizations, nor that much good in many cases has been effected by them. The evils connected with them, if evils there be, are to be sought not in the principle of the organization of labor, but either in the motive for which the organization is effected and the ends for which it is controlled, or in the method of its organization and the manner of its control.

Whenever the organization of labor is an expression of hostility against the employer of labor, and effects a more sharp and determined arrayal of capital and labor in two hostile camps, watching each other with distrust and hatred, ready at the slightest aggravation to break out into hostile demonstrations and destructive activities, the evils that are inherent in and will issue from such an organization

are far greater than all the good that could possibly be hoped for from it. And if we may judge by the general impression as to the attitude of organized labor towards capital—of employes towards employers; if we may judge by the utterances of many of the representatives of organized labor, both leaders and journals; if we may judge by the frequency with which hostile demonstrations degenerate into acts of violence either against capital or against those who refuse active sympathy with and assistance to striking organizations, we do not err greatly in concluding that the attitude of organized labor towards capital is that of hostility, often predatory warfare. It is not to be denied that capital has sometimes been oppressive, domineering and merciless in its demands on labor; that in other cases it has lacked or has failed to manifest sympathy and brotherhood with labor—the sins of capital are great enough—but wrong never cures wrong, one iniquity never justifies another. The followers of the Lord Jesus Christ can find no place in any organization the inevitable tendency of which is to create and emphasize class distinctions, to array class against class, and to create or augment the spirit of warfare between those who ought to be allies. In other words, if the motive for which labor is organized, and the spirit by which organized labor is animated, is other than the spirit Jesus Christ teaches—brotherhood, cooperation and love—then how can the followers of Jesus Christ find a place in such organizations? "What part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" In determining, therefore, whether we can become identified with organized labor in its widest forms, or in any specific organizations, the first thing to be determined is, What are the ends that are sought by it? Are its motives such as the followers of Jesus Christ can accept? Are the ends such as the followers of Jesus Christ can pursue? If they are not, then certainly there can be no place for us in such organizations.

But there is another question that must be considered in determining our attitude towards organized labor, namely, the method of its organization and the manner of its control. Are these such as we can accept? In answering this question there are four tests that we may apply.

The first is the test of secrecy. Are these organizations properly to be classed as secret organizations? In many cases the charge of secrecy is denied. There may be some organizations that are not secret. It will probably be found, however, in most cases, on closer examination, even where the charge of secrecy is denied, that they are in essence secret orders. Only those who can furnish satisfactory evidence of membership are admitted to their ordinary business meetings. There are certain documents that are not accessible to any except those who are members. These contain the secret work of the order. A pledge is exacted beforehand from the candidate for membership of implicit obedience; and a pledge of secrecy in regard to the proceedings of the lodge is exacted of the initiated. Here we have the essential features of secrecy, and the organization is liable to all the evil possibilities that lie in all secret pledge bound organizations.

The second is the test of liberty. Do these organizations permit their members a legitimate degree of liberty? That question has already been answered in part by the reference to the pledge that is in many cases exacted of the applicant for membership, of implicit obedience to the mandates of the lodge and of the executive officers. The man who enters must at the very threshold surrender his liberty, and submit to a despotism often more rigorous and unreasonable than the despotism of organized capital. The mandates of the order, or of the executive officers, must be obeyed blindly and implicitly. If a strike

is ordered, the order must be obeyed even by lodges or members who have no grievance. If a sympathetic strike is ordered the order must be obeyed. Its power is despotic, and in many cases its exercise is arbitrary. It denies its membership the liberty that is the birthright of every free man.

The third is the test of the limitation of authority. Do they interfere with the legitimate rights of those who are outside their membership? In many cases to ask that question is to answer it. The independent laborer is denied the right to labor, and the demand is made that he shall not be employed. If he seeks and obtains employment he is subjected to indignities that are most repulsive to the man of independent, refined feelings. Employers are dictated to in the most arbitrary manner as to the conditions upon which they will be permitted to conduct their business. The demand for a uniform wage in many cases puts a premium on incompetency. And the strike, as it is frequently conducted, is a flagrant violation of the limitations of authority. The right to strike is not denied. The right of uniform and concerted action is not denied. This is necessary in order that the strike may become effective. But the limitations of their authority are co-extensive with their membership, and with those who are outside their authority they have no right to interfere.

The fourth is the test of Christian obligation. In the manner of their control, do they interfere with the Christian obligations of their members? What is the character of the men by whom they are dominated? Do they leave their members untrammeled in their Christian duties? Organized labor is today largely controlled by those whose tendencies are strongly socialistic, and socialistic in the worst sense of that term. Christianity and the Church are denounced and derided. The Sabbath day is dishonored and violated, in many cases being made the day for the regular meetings of the lodges. And the acts of violence to which they often incite are the very opposite of the spirit of the Gospel. They inspire hate, not love. These are plain interferences with Christian duty.

By the application of these tests it need not be hard for the follower of Jesus Christ to determine what should be his attitude towards such organizations. If they will not meet the test of secrecy, and of liberty, and of limitation of authority, and of Christian obligation, then it seems plain that there can be no place in them for the follower of Jesus Christ. Refusal to incorporate in these organizations may in many cases mean hardship and even persecution, but "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." We recommend:

First, that as the organized body of Christ, that as leaders of Christian thought and influence, and that as citizens of the commonwealth, we seek to keep in closest touch and sympathy with the laboring classes of our people.

Second, that we admonish our members to keep themselves free from all entangling alliances with such organizations as may be out of hormany with the spirit of the Gospel, either in the spirit and purpose of their organization or in the method of their organizations and control.

Third, that we seek to emphasize the brotherhood of all men and to make prominent the true partnership between capital and labor, the employer and the employe.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. THOMPSON,
H. G. FOSTER,
E. G. ELSEY,
J. L. MITCHELL.

The Committee on Finance presented a partial report.

The Special Committee to formulate action on the memorial of the students of the Theological Seminary reported. The report was received. Pending the discussion of the report the hour for devotional exercises arrived. Synod engaged in devotional exercises, James Carson leading.

Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M. Prayer by J. W. Sproull.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Monday, 2:30 P. M. Synod met and was led in prayer by James Patterson. Calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following was adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, that the Synod refer to the Finance Committee the suggestion that all members of the Church should be urged to increased liberality and sacrifice in support of all departments of the Church's work, and that such Committee prepare a plan by which such an appeal may be pressed before the Church.

Invitations for the next meeting of Synod were taken from the table. The invitation from Chicago was accepted, and Tuesday, May 25th, 1909, at 8 P. M., was fixed as the hour for meeting. May 25th, at 9 A. M., was fixed as the time for the meeting of the Mission Conference.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Education reported. The report was received. President W. Henry George and Treasurer James S. Tibby were heard on behalf of the College. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND EDUCATION.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary and Education would respectfully report on the remaining papers referred to us.

1. The report of the Superintendents of the Theological Seminary shows the attendance of sixteen students, a decrease of three from that of last year. It also shows that faithful work was done by both professors and students, and that the Church had supported this important arm of the Church, which of itself speaks of a renewed interest in the training of a ministry for Christ. We recommend:

1. That as the expense of the Seminary will be greatly increased

by the choice of an additional professor, that the people be urged to greater liberality in their contribution to the Seminary.

2. That Rev. R. M. Sommerville and J. W. Sproull and Elder John R. Steele be re-elected as members of this Board.

3. We recommend that before the ballot be cast for a professor, this Synod, under the direction of the Moderator, spend a season in prayer, and that immediately thereafter the vote be taken without any nominating speeches.

II. The reports of the Board of Corporators and Trustees of Geneva College. These reports, which have been read in this Synod, show that those in charge of this institution have faithfully labored to bring Geneva College up to a high standard, and we express the hope that the mysterious providence of the past year may be but the footsteps of our King coming to purify and prepare the College for grander work in the future.

We recommend:

1. That the whole Church be urged to come to the help of Geneva College, by their prayers and by their means.

2. That this College is recommended to parents who seek the education of their sons and daughters, especially those who live in the East and Middle West.

3. That Dr. C. D. Trumbull be chosen as his own successor on the Board of Corporators.

Respectfully submitted,

A. KILPATRICK,
JOHN YATES,
J. M. FOSTER,
JAS. A. McATEER,
THOS. BOGGS.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report:

We record with feelings of deep sorrow the death of Rev. David McAllister, D. D., LL. D., on June 13th, 1907. He was elected a member of the Board at the meeting of Synod in 1868. During all these years he manifested a deep interest in the Seminary and labored earnestly for its prosperity. We have placed on record an acknowledgment of the valuable services he rendered to the Church and to the cause of Christ, and our sense of loss at his removal. As a new member was added to the Board last year, no vacancy is caused by Dr. McAllister's death.

The Board met in Seminary Hall on the morning of April 28th and adjourned on the afternoon of the following day. All the members were present except Elder David Boyd, who was unable to attend on account of the infirmities of advanced years.

Professor Wilson was obliged to go away a few weeks before the meeting of the Board for the benefit of his health. He sent a communication to the Board in which he intimated his intention to request Synod to relieve him of some of the work in his department, and to elect another professor to whom it could be assigned. The Board adopted a resolution expressive of its sympathy with our brother in his affliction, and the hope and prayer that he would be soon restored to wonted health.

The names and grades of the students in attendance are as follows: Third year, Samuel Guy Finney, Archibald Allison Johnston,

Samuel Melville Morrow, Robert Walter Piper, Robert Ewing Willson; second year, William Arthur Aikin, Paul Coleman, Josiah Dodds Edgar, David Bruce Elsey, Frank Dean Frazer, Walter Clyde McClurkin, Elmer Russell, Owen Foster Thompson; first year, Frederick Buck Limerick, Howard George McConaughy, Robert Park.

All the examinations and discourses were heartily sustained. The professors' reports were published with the minutes of the Board for the information of the Church.

Professor Sleeth continued his instruction in elocution.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Tibby, showed that the financial condition of the Seminary was better than it has been for several years past. Not only has the deficit been met, but there is a small balance in the treasury.

In the death of Mrs. Gregg the Board felt that the Seminary had lost a very devoted friend. A resolution was passed expressive of the high esteem in which she was held and extending our sympathy to the bereaved family.

The terms for which Revs. R. M. Sommerville, J. W. Sproull and Elder John R. Steele were elected have expired. Their successors should be chosen.

We ask for the Seminary fund an appropriation of $4,000.

T. P. STEVENSON, Chairman.
J. W. SPROULL, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College respectfully submits its annual report.

In our report last year we stated that we had decided to modify the action of the Board of Trustees of that year "to the extent of retaining Dr. Johnston as President, with Rev. W. H. George as assistant during the year."

This action not proving satisfactory, we reconvened after our report had been submitted to Synod and reconsidered and modified our own action, and instructed the Board of Trustees to retain Dr. Johnston as President of the College for the year and to defer the inauguration of the President-elect for one year. The report of our present Board of Trustees, which is herewith transmitted to you, will explain why this instruction was not carried out.

The whole Board of Trustees is annually elected; and as some who had served on the Board for many years desired to be released from further labors, we departed from the custom heretofore followed of choosing the whole Board of Trustees from members of the Board of Corporators and added others, ministers and laymen of our own Church, living in the vicinity of the College. Thus the Board of Trustees was reconstructed. Everything in our power has been done to promote the harmony and efficiency of the institution, and we have heard with satisfaction the report of the work and progress of the year; and we trust that with the co-operation of Synod and under the blessing of God the College has entered upon a new era of prosperity.

The year has not passed without its very solemn experiences in connection with the College, as appears from the report of the Board of Trustees. "There came a cloud and overshadowed them, and they feared as they entered the cloud. And there came a voice out of the midst of the cloud."

It was a voice of awful majesty, and caused the stoutest hearts to tremble. The Board of Corporators unites with the Board of Trustees in expressions of sympathy with those who suffer and those who sorrow.

We approve the request of the Board of Trustees for appropriations for next year. The term for which C. D. Trumbull was elected as Synodical member of this Board expires this year, and his successor should be chosen.

The President of the College, Rev. W. H. George, and the Treasurer of Board of Trustees, Mr. J. S. Tibby, are appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. STEVENSON, Chairman.

R. J. GEORGE, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

The Board of Trustees of Geneva College respectfully reports: Eight well attended meetings have been held within the year. The members of the Board have taken a deep interest in the College and given much time and careful consideration to its interests.

We took the following action relative to the action of the Board of Corporators in retaining Dr. Johnston as President for this year: "It is the settled conviction of the Board of Trustees that in the present circumstances it is necessary that the President of the College be present in the institution and take the actual control of its government and administration, and the Board of Corporators having reinstated Dr. W. P. Johnston as President for the coming year, it is decided, since the proposed amount of endowment is made up, that his work of travelling for the solicitation of funds be discontinued, and that Dr. Johnston take charge of the control and government of the College for the coming year. We pledge to him our fullest support in the effort to restore and maintain the discipline of the College and the high standard of scholarship which has ever been our aim."

This action of the Board was communicated to Dr. Johnston. After careful consideration Dr. Johnston sent in his resignation as President. In offering his resignation he said: "It had been my purpose for years to resign the Presidency in 1908, or at the furthest in 1909. Circumstances are such that I think it to be for my own interest as well as that of my successor that I anticipate the action by asking that my resignation take effect on the first Wednesday of September, 1907." His resignation was accepted; he was made President Emeritus. He was employed for one year as the agent of the College in the field to solicit funds and students at the same salary he had been receiving as President.

In view of the resignation of Dr. Johnston it was decided that Rev. W. Henry George, already President-elect to succeed Dr. Johnston, assume the duties of the Presidency on the day on which Dr. Johnston's resignation took effect. He was duly inaugurated President of Geneva College September 4th, 1907.

The College year has been a successful one. The attendance was as follows:

Literary students, 134; students in oratory, 39; in art, 28; in music, 76; total number of students, exclusive of duplication, 235, an increase over last year of 22. In every department there was an increase over last year. The largest increase was in the literary department, where it was 24. This year's graduating class numbered eleven. There has

been a marked increase in College spirit. The classroom work has been of a high order. The work of the Literary Societies has been fair. Efforts are being made to improve it. Geneva won in the intercollegiate debate with a sister college. Miss Della Walker was employed at the beginning of the year as College Librarian and Secretary to the President. The Library has been open both mornings and afternoons, which was impossible under the former arrangement, when one of the professors acted as Librarian. The card system of cataloguing books and subjects has been introduced. These improvements have resulted in an increased patronage of the library. A special appropriation of $100 was made for the purchase of books on political science.

The departments of music, art and oratory are in the hands of competent instructors. The attendance in each department has been above that of the year preceding. Plans are under way to bring these departments into closer relation to the College and to give them more encouragement than they have had.

Conditions in the dormitory have been decidedly improved. Several hundred dollars has been spent refurnishing the parlors, dining hall and girls' rooms. The dormitory is under the supervision of the Dean of Women, Miss Gyla MacDowell, who is also a teacher in the College. She has succeeded well in her aim to provide for the ladies residing in the dormitory the safeguards and the social and religious training enjoyed in their own homes. Family worship closes each day. The spirit of unselfish, helpful fellowship prevails. A student Association for Women has been formed to further and unify the social life of the College.

The athletics of the College are in excellent condition. They are managed by an athletic board of control consisting of three members of the faculty, one alumnus and two students. The gymnasium has been refitted with apparatus. A capable physical director was employed, who has conducted classes daily in the gymnasium for the most of the year.

Geneva has a reputation for clean athletics among the surrounding colleges; this department of the College, while of secondary value, is important. It conduces to the health and physical development of the students. It develops college spirit. It is a most effective means of advertising the College.

The spiritual interests of the students have not been overlooked. They are required to attend the daily chapel exercises and the Sabbath morning College service. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. are important factors in the spiritual life of the College. They conduct Bible study classes, a mission study class and a students' prayer meeting.

We record a sad and mysterious providence in the tragic death of two of the students—Miss Vella Wylie and Mr. Robert Patterson.

We incorporate the following statement from President George's annual report in reference to this providence:

"While we have not been able to understand the providences through which we were called to pass during the year, we have faith to believe that they are a part of a great plan that comprehends both time and eternity, and has for its end the glory of God and the good of man. I desire to bear public testimony to the power of divine grace to sustain men in the hour of sore trial, and to put on record a note of the high esteem in which we held Mr. Robert Patterson and Miss Vella Wylie."

An equally sad and mysterious providence befell Mr. R. M. Downie, a member of this Board, and his family and others connected with the College. This providence, which resulted in the death of

Mrs. Downie, in most serious injury to Mr. Downie and in less serious injury to his eldest son and to the Secretary of this Board, called out the sympathy of the entire Church and community. May the God of all grace and comfort sustain this sorely stricken family, and make this providence a means of sanctification to us all.

The College curriculum has been revised, broadened and strengthened. Beginning with the next College year Geneva will offer three courses instead of two, as formerly: The Classical and Latin-Scientific, leading to the degree of A. B., and the Scientific, leading to the degree of B. S.

In this revision it was the purpose of the Board and faculty to meet the educational demands of the times and of the community where the College is located, by strengthening the course in English, giving more advanced work in mathematics, and especially by enlarging the department of natural science and introducing a department of education designed specially for school teachers living in the vicinity of the College and others who wish to prepare themselves for teaching. In each of the three courses provision is made for elective studies in the last three years of the collegiate department.

The Summer School which has been conducted in the College for several years past under the management of the County Superintendent of Schools will be taken over and managed by the College after this summer. The College year will hereafter begin and close two weeks later than hertofore, that teachers in the public schools may have the opportunity of attending the spring term of the College year as well as the summer school. A competent teacher will be employed to have charge of this Department of Education, including the summer school. The introduction of this department affords a most hopeful opportunity for increasing the number of students and enlarging the usefulness of the College.

Several changes have been made in the faculty. The new teachers for the past year were Prof. Robert C. Colwell in the department of mathematics; Miss Jane E. Crowe in the department of modern languages, and Miss Gyla MacDowell, who, in addition to a professorship in the College, had charge of the ladies' dormitory. Prof. J. M. Coleman, who had leave of absence for the year, accepted a call to the pastorate and severed his connection with the College. Prof. S. S. Smith of the department of natural science resigned at the close of the year. Both of these professors have rendered excellent service in their connection with the College, and the best wishes of the Board follow them. Prof. Colwell and Miss MacDowell have been elected to permanent professorships. Miss Crowe leaves us to take up post-graduate work in the university from which she graduated. These resignations, together with the increase in teaching force required by the new curriculum, will require the selection of four new teachers for the coming year. The Board is proceeding with care to select teachers of Christian character, broad scholarship and successful experience in teaching.

The Board is encouraged by the increased receipts from dividends, tuition and congregational collections. Dr. Johnston met with little success in raising funds this year. The financial depression made his work exceedingly difficult. Notwithstanding the fact that about $3,500 were spent in making permanent repairs at the close of the year, the overdraft is only $6,722.80, which is about $900 more than last year.

It was thought at the time of the last report that the $45,000 on the Endowment fund which Dr. Johnston had secured, partly in cash and partly in notes, would secure the $15,000 promised by Mr. Carnegie. It developed during the year that Mr. Carnegie would not pay

the $15,000 until the entire $45,000 had been paid in cash or secured in negotiable notes. So far only half of this amount meets this requirement. We urge that those who have given notes on the endowment fund pay off these notes at the earliest possible date, and that earnest efforts be made to secure additional funds in order that this valuable gift of Mr. Carnegie may not be lost. The amount paid into the endowment fund this year is $5,886. The total endowment is $161,211.82. We ask an appropriation by Snod of $2,500 for the current fund and $300 for the library.

The alumni manifest a continued and growing interest in the College. Hon. J. B. Steel, Prof. Andrew Lester and Edwin F. Wendt are the consultative members of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Alumni Association. The publication of what is to be known as "The Geneva Book" is an enterprise deserving of the hearty support of all friends of the College. The book will contain a complete history of Geneva College from its beginning and a record of the life work of each alumnus.

Rev. W. M. Glasgow, A. M., whose ability and experience in this kind of work are well known, is the editor of the book. The publication of this book will supply a long felt need and will be of great value to the College. The undertaking has the hearty endorsement of the Board, the faculty and Alumni Association. It will be published at actual cost. Every friend of the College should have a copy.

The work of President George promises bright things for Geneva under his administration. He has won the confidence and esteem of the students. He has shown marked ability as a teacher and administrator and a clear understanding of the needs of the institution. The College needs, and we ask for it, the hearty support of the entire Church.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. WYLIE, **President of Board.**
R. H. MARTIN, **Secretary of Board.**

The Committee on Supplies reported. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Your Committee on Supplies would respectfully submit the following scale of appointments for the year:

W. A. Aiken—Colorado Presbytery, August; Illinois, September; Kansas, June, July.

Allen, R. C.—Illinois, February, March; Kansas, September, October, November; New York, July and August; Ohio, April, May; Pittsburgh, December, January.

Allen, T. J.—Colorado, February, March; Illinois, April; New York, June, May; Ohio, December, January; Pittsburgh, September, October, November; Rochester, August.

Crooks, E. A.—Colorado, October; Iowa, September; Kansas, November, December, January; New York, March, April; Ohio, July, August; Pittsburgh, June, February, May.

Coleman, John.—Illinois, April, May; Iowa, December, January; Kansas, February, March; New York, July, August; Ohio, September, October, November.

Dodds, R. J.—Illinois, November, December; Iowa, September, Oc-

tober; Kansas, June, July, August; Ohio, January, February; Pittsburgh, March, April, May.

Dill, J. W.—Colorado, April, May; Illinois, October, November; Iowa, December, January; Kansas, February, March; Ohio, August, September; Pittsburgh, June, July.

Edgar, J. G.—Illinois, May; Iowa, September; Kansas, June, July and August.

Elsey, D. Bruce.—Kansas, July; Ohio, August, September; Pittsburgh, May.

Faris, Isaiah.—Kansas, during year.

Frazier, Frank D.—Colorado, July; Illinois, September; Iowa, May; Kansas, August.

Finney, S. G.—Iowa, August; Kansas, June, July; Ohio, May; Pittsburgh, September.

Johnston, A. A.—Ohio, May; N. B. and N. S., June, July, August.

McBurney, G. R.—Colorado, January; Illinois, September, October; Iowa, November, December; Kansas, March, April; Ohio, August; Pittsburgh, June, July.

McBurney, W. J.—Illinois, December and January; Iowa, February, March; Kansas, April, May; Ohio, October, November; Pittsburgh, August, September; Philadelphia, July.

McCune, Jas.—Colorado, March; Illinois, November, December; Iowa, April, May; Kansas, January, February; New York, September, October; N. B. and N. S., June, July and August.

McClurkin, W. C.—Illinois, September; Iowa, August; Kansas, June and July; Ohio, May.

McElhinney, J. G.—Illinois, July; Iowa, August; Kansas, September; New York, February and March; Ohio, October; Rochester, April, May; N. B. and N. S., November, December and January.

McKnight, R. J. G.—Illinois, July; Iowa, June, February, March and April; Kansas, December and January; New York, August and September; Rochester, October and November.

McFarland, Wm.—Illinois, November; Iowa, August and September; Kansas, October; New York, March and May; Ohio, June, July, December; Pittsburgh, April; Rochester, January and February.

McElwain, T. A.—Illinois, December and January; Iowa, November; Kansas, August, September and October; N. B. and N. S., February, March, April and May.

Morrow, S. M.—Illinois, June, July; Iowa, March and April; New York, August; Ohio, January and February; N. B. and N. S., September, October, November, December.

Piper, R. W.—Colorado, June; Illinois, August; Kansas, July; New York, November, December and January; Ohio, September and October; N. B. and N. S., February, March, April and May.

Paden, W. C.—Colorado, September and October; Kansas, November and December.

Russell, Elmer.—Illinois, June; Iowa, July; Kansas, August, September; New York, May.

Shaw, S. G.—Colorado, November and December; Illinois, July, August; Iowa, January and February; Kansas, September and October; Ohio, June, March and April.

Sproull, T. C.—Iowa, June, July, August, September, October and

November; Ohio, March and April; Pittsburgh, February; Rochester, May.

Thompson, O. F.—Illinois, August; Iowa, July; Kansas, June; Ohio, May; Pittsburgh, September.

Taggart, Raymond.—Colorado, April, May; Illinois, January; Iowa, June; Kansas, February and March; New York, October and November; Ohio, July; Pittsburgh, August and September; Rochester, December.

Wylie, J. R.—Colorado, July and August; Illinois, October; Iowa, September.

Wallace, S. R.—Illinois, February and March; Kansas, April and May; New York, June, July; Pittsburgh, December and January; Philadelphia, August and September; Rochester, October and November.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. ALLEN,
W. J. McCULLOUGH,
JOHN C. FRENCH,
A. A. DICKEY,
T. S. TRUMBULL.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 adopted. Report amended by adding Item 9. Missionaries J. Boggs Dodds, J. K. Robb and J. M. Wright addressed the Synod. Corresponding Secretary R. M. Sommerville addressed the Synod on behalf of the Foreign Mission Board. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report:

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions has been placed in our hands. This report is very carefully prepared, and shows in a clear and concise manner the work and needs of the several missions in the foreign field. A careful reading of this report would help to stir up an interest in the mission work of our church, for it is in itself an education in the work being done by the Church through her missionaries in their respective places.

The Church has great reason for encouragement on account of what the Lord is doing through her missionaries. And because the Lord of the harvest has heard our prayers to send forth laborers now, we will joyfully and liberally respond with money for the needed support of the work.

We are grateful that the lives and health of our beloved missionaries have been precious in the Master's sight, and that His good hand has been upon them so that they have been able to push the work energetically in their respective places, and that their labors show such grand results.

We express our thankfulness for the Master's care in bringing safely home the missionaries who have been granted a furlough, and ask His blessing on them in their visit to friends and homeland.

We recommend:

1. That ministers call attention from the pulpit to the report of

Foreign Mission Board, and ask that their report be carefully read and the work of the Church considered.

2. That the Board be encouraged to give the needed help to Mr. McCarroll in trying the experiment of a boarding school in Cyprus.

3. That a commission be appointed to organize a Congregation in China. The commission to consist of A. I. Robb, Moderator; J. K. Robb, W. M. Robb, E. C. Mitchell, R. A. Blair, Julius A. Kempf and J. M. Wright.

4. That Kansas Presbytery be instructed to provide for the ordination of Dr. J. M. Wright to the eldership, and that Iowa Presbytery be instructed to ordain licentiate R. E. Wilson, who is under appointment to go as missionary to the Tarsus field.

5. That missionary J. Boggs Dodds, J. K. Robb and Dr. J. M. Wright be heard at Synod; also that R. M. Sommerville be heard as representative of the Board.

6. That an effort be made to complete what is lacking of the semi-centennial fund of $25,000.

7. That the Board be requested to prepare a program for a conference on Foreign Missions to be held on Friday evening at the next meeting of Synod.

8. That we recommend to the favorable consideration of the Board the appointment of a missionary for the work in Suadia.

9. That Joseph M. Steele and Wm. G. Carson, both of Philadelphia, be made members of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. McFALL,
S. J. CROWE,
S. T. FOSTER,
ROBT. McKNIGHT,
ALEXANDER D. McNEILL.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Foreign missions are the question of the hour. From the beginning the Lord Christ has been contending for a visible recognition of His rightful supremacy over the world. Never defeated in any conflict with the enemy of truth and righteousness, though it may not always be manifest to human judgment that the victory is on His side, He laughs at every form of opposition. There have been and there are dark hours when His cause seems to be making no progress and the faithful are cast down, but sooner or later, after working quietly and secretly in homes or little gatherings of loyal men and women, it unexpectedly reveals its existing and renovating force to waiting hearts, and compels the attention of widespread communities, as one can easily conceive of an underground stream, that has been flowing on out of sight, suddenly coming to the surface and making all nature glad, as it spreads life, beauty and fertility in its course. Such an epoch in the history of the Church was the Reformation of the sixteenth century, when, under the leadership of Luther, Europe, after an age of darkness and error, was emancipated from spiritual servitude and brought out into the full glory of the Gospel. Scarcely less remarkable was the revival of vital religion with which Scotland was visited in the first half of the seventeenth century, the age of what is known as the Second Reformation, when through the preaching of a consecrated ministry sinners were converted in multitudes, believers clothed with new love and holiness, and the whole country filled with reverence for God. Nor can we overlook the New England awakening that distinguished part of the eighteenth century and brought

marvelous blessing to this land and the world. But specially impressive is the story of spiritual quickening at the beginning of the nineteenth century, in which was born the prayer-meeting dedication to foreign missions that voiced itself in the cry, "We can, if we will."

After a hundred years of effort that has marked the nineteenth as the century of modern missions, we reach the twentieth century to find, not only a few societies, but the whole Church of Jesus Christ, in its ministry and membership, aroused as never before to a sense of responsibility for the evangelization of the world. Not only are the women, true to their lineage as last to leave the death scene on Calvary and the first at the grave in the morning of victory, untiring in their ministry to Christ, and richly merit the commendation that Paul bestowed on the women in Rome, both married and single, who were his co-workers, and some of whom he describes as "laboring much" and even "as of note among the apostles" or missionary delegates of Christ. But now men, who have hitherto taken no prominent part in the service, are pledging time, speech, money and energy to give the Gospel of light and life to multitudes yet in darkness and under the shadow of death, a band of men whose hearts the Lord has touched, and who are no longer saying, "We can if we will," but "We can and we will." Besides, there is an organization of young people, associated for "an aggressive campaign of missionary education among the 17,000,000 of young men, young women and children of the Sabbath Schools of Canada and the United States," and we believe the saying true, "The cause that enlists the young is sure." It is said that in the early days of the French Revolution the schoolboys of a certain town, from twelve to seventeen years of age, formed a band of hope, and on their holidays marched under a banner with this inscription "Tremble, tyrants, we shall grow up." Someone, quoting this incident, adds, "Without any charge of spurious enthusiasm, we may hear the shouts of confidence and courage uttered by the young Christians of the future, 'Tremble, O enemy, we are growing up for God.'"

A brief survey of the present condition of our foreign fields will clearly indicate that the same missionary spirit awakened in other denominations exists in our own branch of the Christian Church. This will be seen in the fact that, after many and unavailing appeals for reinforcements, so many have been led to volunteer for the service, and these young men and women, thoroughly qualified by character, education and full surrender to God for the positions they have been called to fill. In September, 1907, Revs. W. M. Robb and R. A. Blair, with their wives, and Rev. E. C. Mitchell, unmarried, with Miss Ida M. Scott, M. D., and Miss Mary Lena Wilson, a teacher, sailed from Seattle, Wash., for the Mission in China, and in October of the same year Rev. Samuel Edgar and wife, John Peoples, M. D., and Miss Frances Elma French, a teacher, sailed from New York for the Missions in the Levant. To those will have to be added the name of licentiate Robert E. Willson, of Morning Sun, Ia., recently appointed to succeed Rev. R. J. Dodds, who, for reasons wholly personal and to the great regret of the Board, tendered his resignation November 26th, 1907, after years of faithful and efficient service in Tarsus Mission, Asia Minor. Miss Florence May Elsey, of Hetherton, Mich., has also been appointed head nurse in the hospital at Latakia, Syria. And they are expected to leave for the Levant near the close of September, 1908. Arrangements should be made for the ordination of Mr. Willson.

The same missionary awakening is to be seen in the growing liberality of the home churches for the support of their foreign representatives. Although the semi-centennial fund has not been made up, at least $8,263.69 have been contributed, besides pledges that are not

yet due. And these voluntary offerings do not seem to have occasioned any falling off in the congregational contributions for current expenses, the Treasurer's report showing at the close of the fiscal year a credit balance of $4,581.37 for the Mission in China and $451.90 for the Syrian Mission, while the much larger balances of $5,360.08 and $9,382.86 appear to the credit of these missions in his financial statement for May.

The field reports contain valuable information of which the Board can give in this official statement only an outline, but an outline full enough to indicate the measure of success that has attended the work.

Department of Preaching and School Work.

Syria.—In Latakia, the center of operations in Syria, and five out-stations, there are 228 communicants, an increase of nine on profession of faith, but owing to two deaths, fourteen removals, and four names erased from the roll, a net decrease of eleven. In Suadia, however, there are 36 communicants, nineteen added during the year, a net increase of eighteen, thus enabling us to report 264 members in good standing in Syria, a net gain of seven. This success is due under God to the indefatigable labors of Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, who lived alone at that station for about eighteen months, preaching twice on the Lord's day as well as conducting a Sabbath School, leading a prayer meeting on Thursday evening and visiting from house to house, holding meetings "five nights in the week in different localities," and "in the homes of all social classes," "with an attendance of from seven to fifty-five," "largely from the Greeks," though "on some occasions Moslems, Armenians and Fellahin were present." Mr. Dodds mentions as an item of interest that "the Church and Sabbath School collections from January, 1907, to February, 1908, amounted to $42," and "special donations by the native brethren to $33, while the congregation paid for its own fuel in the winter and about $44 in securing their new Protestant Community." Then he adds, "The open doors where the Gospel is welcome, the decided dissatisfaction of the people under their own order, people enlightened by years of work which now begins to promise a harvest, all afford the best of reasons why Suadia should be occupied at once by a missionary."

"Seven communions," writes Mr. McFarland, "were held during the year, the attendance at each being limited only by the capacity of the place of meeting," and "the Gosepl has been preached more or less frequently to more than five hundred souls," not counting "those reached through the hospital and schools." It will give some idea of the labors of our brethren in these fields to know that the senior missionary, Rev. James S. Stewart, "besides working at the revision of the Arabic translation of our Testimony, preaching in Latakia morning and evening almost every Sabbath when not at some out-station, and conducting a teacher's class which has been held weekly most of the year, has made nineteen visits to six out-stations," covering more than "one thousand miles on horseback over the rough bridle paths that are called roads."

In five of the outlying villages there are primary schools, with an enrolled attendance of 205, while in Latakia there are two day schools with 111 pupils and two boarding schools with 104, a total of 420 children and young people under daily religious instruction. Mr. McFarland, a new missionary, but long enough on the ground to form a correct opinion, gives this estimate of the value of the boarding schools in charge of Misses Wylie, Edgar and Paton: The children "are here brought under the most wholesome Christian influences, instruction and discipline, all the influences of a Christian home, so far as possible, being provided; and it is more nearly approached than some are

aware. Their mothers would not and could not give these boys and girls the comfort and help in their sicknesses and troubles which these consecrated Christian women give them. They learn to be obedient. They learn to be neat and clean. They learn to eat their meals with some semblance of order and to seek a blessing at the beginning and return thanks at the close. They find the day begun and closed with social worship. They learn what is generally taught in schools, * * * but the principal reading book is the Bible * * * and they learn not only to read it, but to answer questions on what they have read, designed to improve their minds with the meaning and its application to their lives and conduct. * * * Few American children, even of those graduating from theological seminaries, have as much Bible truth stored away in their minds as has every one completing the course in either of these schools. Moreover, there are few who complete the course who do not succumb to the influence of this truth and become followers of Christ." Another missionary teacher is called for.

In this field there are at work one licentiate, two Bible readers, eleven male and five female teachers, but such is the desire of many to get away from Turkey and into America or some other country where there is more liberty and more money, that in the judgment of the missionaries nothing but an increase of wages will retain their services, and probably that will only hold them for a time. The qestion of securing and keeping native helpers who are qualified to teach or do evangelistic work is the most serious question that the Mission has been called to face, as it imperils the efficiency of the work.

Asio Minor.—As to the work in Tarsus Mission, Rev. C. A. Dodds writes that, "although conditions are far from being what we would wish them to be, there are encouraging signs, and we are not disheartened." He reports eight added during the year, but owing to losses for the usual reasons, and not counting two under temporary suspension, the roll of membership shows only sixty-four in good standing, a net decrease of one. The Sabbath and mid-week services in Mersina, where the attendance is small, are conducted by the missionary, except in case of his absence in other parts of the field, when the best qualified teacher takes his place. In Tarsus they are in charge of a native evangelist, who reports from seventy to ninety present at morning services. At Adana there are only twelve communicants, but far more interest is manifested than in the other cities.

The two schools in Mersina report 70 boarders and 178 day pupils, while in Tarsus there are 80, a total of 104 girls and 224 boys under careful religious instruction. "Perhaps," writes Mr. Dodds, "the most remarkable feature in connection with the Tarsus school has been the interest evinced by the Fellahin. One of the youngest Sheikhs, a man of great influence among them, has been very friendly, and has taken a lively interest in the welfare of the school, doing all in his power to encourage his people to send their children. He seems, too, to have a high appreciation of Gospel teaching."

Miss Evadna M. Sterrett, who has nearly completed a nine-year term of service and has had responsible charge of both schools for five years without any assistance until the arrival of Miss French a few months ago, will visit America on leave of absence in June.

This Mission employs two evengelists, nine teachers and four Bible readers, "who agree in representing the Fellahin eager for the time to come when they will have freedom to welcome teachers to their villages."

The amount called for and so promptly and liberally contributed for the purchase of a house in Tarsus has been forwarded to Mr. Dodds

in Mersina, but no title to the property has yet been secured, the Turkish authorities insisting on the insertion of a clause in the deed binding the Mission not to use the building for "Church, school or hospital." Negotiations, however, are still in progress, and the difficulty may yet be overcome.

Cyprus.—On the island of Cyprus there was less opposition from without than in former years, but the missionaries are disheartened by the defection of three, who, yielding to the seductive influence of false teachers, have withdrawn from the fellowship of the Church, and irregular conduct on the part of others making the exercise of discipline necessary. There was, however, and accession of eight, which enables the Mission to report thirty-one members in good standing, the same as last year. Mr. McCarroll also records as an encouraging incident "one most hopeful conversion." A young man, an orthodox Greek, came from Turkey to Cyprus and began to attend our school in order to learn English. He became interested in the truth and began to attend our Church services. Lately he has openly confessed his Savior and expressed a desire to unite with the Church. He is a young man of independent means, and intends to open a business. He has none to persecute him, for he is a stranger to the town, and he does not come to us from mercenary motives, for he has money of his own. We have hopes that he will be of great use to the work."

In this field there are one ordained minister, one Greek licentiate, one Turkish teacher and interpreter, one Greek evangelist, one Greek teacher, and one school with forty-eight pupils. It is the conviction of Mr. McCarroll that the hope of success in Cyprus lies in establishing a boarding school. His latest proposal is that the Board grant to Cyprus $2,500 annually for three years, this amount to cover all field expenses, including the salary of principal or head teacher, whom he will undertake to secure from America, unless the Board prefers to select the man for that position and limit the grant for field expenses to $2,000. He has in view a suitable building and a matron to take charge of the boarding department. The item of furnishing will cost only about $300, half of which is in his hands, with good prospect of part or all of the balance. "A boarding school," he says, "would brighten the outlook and enable us to solve some problems which otherwise appear insoluble, but the real solution will come only with the outpoured spirit, and the times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

This proposition from Mr. McCarroll in regard to the school work in Cyprus is passed on to Synod for advice.

China.—The reports from Tak Hing Chau, China, bring to us a story of marvelous advance in the work there. Twenty-four were baptized and received into the fellowship of the Church, making a communion roll of seventy-five, a net increase of twenty-two. At both services in the Robert McNeill Memorial Chapel on Sabbath there are good audiences of attentive hearers, and obviously, as the results indicate, there was in the ministry of the word the quickening, enlightening, converting and sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. But it is unnecessary to dwell on this point, as Rev. J. K. Robb, who is in charge of this department, is with us on a brief furlough, and he will have a message for Synod.

While Rev. A. I. Robb was holding meetings in the hall of the uptown building during the first week of the Chinese New Year, he noticed that women were present without any invitation, and he remarks, "The fact that their attendance excited no adverse comment on the part of the populace is itself a striking proof of the passing away of prejudice and fear, and that we are gaining the moral con-

fidence of the community." There are open doors everywhere.

There are five students in the training class, and during the absence of Mr. Robb last summer they showed their interest in the Gospel by itinerating and evengelizing in Lin Tan or in the vicinity of their own homes. According to Rev. Julius A. Kempf, who is in charge of the uptown school, there were fourteen boys present during the first term and twenty-one during the second who "for three hours each day were brought into contact with Christian truth," and three of these pupils were received into the Church on confession of their faith. As Mrs. Dr. Wright and Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney, in describing their connection with the girls' school and its value as an evenagelistic agency, report, there were in all twenty-nine girls and women under its influence for a longer or shorter period, and there were three of them received into the Church during the year, while others are applicants. The marriage of Rev. E. C. Mitchell to Miss Mary Lena Wilson in May, 1908, removes the teacher who was sent out to take charge of this school, and Miss Jennie Dean, of La Junta, Colorado, has been appointed to fill the vacancy. She will leave for the field in the autumn, with the missionaries now on furlough in this country when returning to their work.

The Mission in China has asked the Board to request the appointment of a commission by Synod to organize a congregation at Tak Hing Chau at the pleasure of the Mission. And in view of this we suggest that the necessary steps be taken for the ordination of Dr. J. M. Wright to the eldership.

To summarize what has been said in regard to Church and school work in our foreign fields, there are:

Five stations, or places where American missionaries reside, and 12 out-stations, or places where are native members and some form of work is carried on;

Eleven ordained American ministers and five American teachers;

One ordained Greek minister, two licentiates, three evangelists and six Bible readers;

One theological cless with five students;

Thirteen schools and 33 native teachers, with 846 children and young people under daily religious instruction;

434 communicants, 68 added during the year, a net gain of 28 members in good standing.

These statistics speak eloquently of fully surrendered lives and work for the Master well and nobly done, and there are missionary results that cannot be put into figures, the subtle influence that flows from Christian character silently and surely as fragrance from flowers, and leaves on the man it touches an impression lasting as eternity. Instances have often been culled from the history of the work among the Nusairia in the Syrian mountains. Take as an illustration a fresh incident that Rev. C. A. Dodds relates: "Last autumn two brothers came from Mardin to Adana. For quite a while they hunted in vain for work. At last they applied to a Moslem Agha, who owns a village some hours from Adana. He asked them, 'What is your religion?' 'We are Christians.' 'Yes, but Christians are of many kinds. What kind are you?' 'We are Protestants.' 'What! Are you Metheny's kind of Christians?' 'Metheny? Who's Metheny? We never heard of him.' 'Why, Metheny of the Protestant Mission at Mersina.' 'Oh, yes, yes, we know the Mersina Protestants. That's the kind of Christians we are.' 'Well, then, you're just the kind of men I want to work for me. I would like to replace all the Moslems in my village with Christians of that brand. Bring your families and come along.' They went, and

have been working there ever since, to the mutual satisfaction, we understand, of employer and employes."

The Medical Department.

Among the evangelistic agencies of today none are more influential in preparing the way for the Gospel than the hospital and dispensary. And in the foreign fields our Church is represented by seven Christian physicians and surgeons. Dr. J. M. Balph, of Syria, reports 5,000 attending his tri-weekly clinics, and 107 cases treated in the hospital at Latakia. And he is confident that the instruction given to men and women providentially brought under his care "from many different places and from all the various religious sects," "has not been without good results." He records the belief, too, that his native helpers "realize, as he does, the greatness of the opportunity and the privilege that it is to present the turth to many who have never heard it before." At the clinics that Dr. McCarroll holds twice a week in Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, a Gospel address is delivered, tracts distributed and other means employed to bring the patients under the power of saving truth.

Striking proof as to the value of these agencies comes from China. Dr. J. M. Wright, who has charge of the men's department of the Gregg Memorial Hospital at Tak Hing Chau, speaks of religious services in the wards and the chapel for the patients and their friends He refers to "the baptism of the two attendants at the fall communion," and adds, "This gives us Christian helpers," who "are very diligent in explaining the Gospel to the patients, and we hope that their lives will be made a blessing in bringing many more to the light." But we shall not quote further from his report to the Board, as the doctor is with us and the story will be more attractive and impressive from his own lips. Not less emphatic is the testimony borne by Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney, who describe the opportunities of meeting with the Chinese women in their own homes, when .out on professional tours into the country, and the pathetic eagerness with which these women listen to the message of eternal life. The incidents related in their reports will not fail to call forth the practical sympathy of the home churches.

In this connection we record with gratitude to the Head of the Church that all the missionaries have enjoyed good health during the year, except Mrs. Samuel Edgar, of Latakia, who has been seriously ill, but now seems to be on the fair way to recovery.

In closing, we congratulate the Church at home on the good success with which the Enthroned Redeemer has visited its evangelistic operations abroad, and register the conviction that soon, in answer to the symphonic prayers of His people, the prevailing missionary spirit will so fill every home and heart that there shall be no lack of trust funds to maintain and extend the work.

Respectfully submitted, in the name of the Board,

R. M. SOMMERVILLE, **Corresponding Secretary.**

The Foreign Mission Board was instructed to make selection of a text book which shall be recommended to our Congregations for mission study during the year.

The resignation of William Browne as a member of the Foreign Mission Board was read and laid on the table until the next meeting of Synod.

The report of the Committee to formulate action on the memorial of the students of the Theological Seminary, under discussion at the hour for devotional exercises, was taken from the table.

Speeches on this report were limited to five minutes each.

The yeas and nays were called for on the report, which is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STUDENTS PREACHING.

Your Committee on Students Preaching respectfully report the following:

Resolved, that the question of students of theology engaging in the public ministration of the Word from the time they enter the Seminary until their licensure be left to the sessions of our congregations.

C. McCLEOD SMITH,
T. P. STEVENSON,
JAS. A. McATEER,
E. L. DODDS,
Of the Committee.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:

Voting yea: A. M. Allen, W. C. Allen, Blackwood, .Carlisle, Jas. Carson, Casey, Clarke, Conner, A. B. Copeland, Crooks, Crowe, Dill, Edwin L. Dodds, J. B. Dodds, John G. Dodds, Daugherty, Dougall, J. R. W. Duguid, David Duguid, D. H. Elliott, Elsey, W. O. Ferguson, French, M. A. Gault, H. H. George, W. Henry George, Gilmore, Glenn, G. N. Grier, S. E. Grier, Hogan, Houston, Jack, W. P. Johnston, Kingston, McAfee, McAteer, McCullough, McGee, McNaugher, D. C. Martin, George Martin, R. H. Martin, Marvin, Montgomery, R. C. Reed, Smith, J. W. Sproull, T. C. Sproull, Stevenson, J. R. Thompson, C. D. Trumbull, T. Sproull Trumbull, Turner, S. R. Wallace, J. Renwick Wylie, R. C. Wylie, Yates—59.

Voting nay: Benn, Bowes, Carithers, Carmichael, S. O. Carson, J. M. Coleman, W. J. Coleman, Crozier, Dickey, W. A. Edgar, Elder, W. J. Elliott, D. C. Faris, D. S. Faris, Isaiah Faris, W. J. Ferguson, Forsythe, F. M. Foster, H. G. Foster, J. M. Foster, S. Turner Foster, R. J. Gault, R. J. George, Graham, Hannah, Harding, Henderson, J. M. Johnston, S. J. Johnston, Kennedy, Latimer, Lee, G. R. McBurney, W. J. McBurney, W. J. McConahy, McCune, McElwain, S. E. McElhinney, J. G. McElhinney, McFall, A. J. McFarland, Wm. McFarland, McFeeters, McGlade, E. L. McKnight, R. J. G. McKnight, Robert McKnight, W. J. McKnight, A. D. McNeil, Matthews, Mitchell, Moore, Nelson, H. G. Patterson, James Patterson, L. M. Patterson, Patton, Pearce, Redpath, G. M. Robb, J. K. Robb, Rodgers, Russell, Slater, Sharpe, Stewart, Swank, J. S. Thompson, W. T. K. Thompson, R. W. Wallace, Walkinshaw, White, J. E. Wilson, A. A. Wylie—74.

Not voting: Acheson, Campbell, J. Boggs Dodds, G. A. Edgar, J. S. Martin, Sommerville, Steel, Sterrett, Torrens, F. M. Wilson, J. Milligan Wylie—11.

Absent: T. J. Allen, Boggs, Crawford, Davis, Kilpatrick, McGaw, J. McNeil, May, Meyer, J. G. Reed—10.

The Moderator declared the resolution lost.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by H. H. George.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday, 9 A. M. Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: Benn, Boggs, James Carson, J. M. Copeland, Dougall, J. R. W. Duguid, G. A. Edgar, Elder, Gilmore, J. M. Johnston, McAteer, McCullough, McElwain, J. McNeil, D. C. Martin, George Martin, W. Henry George, Marvin, May, Stevenson, Walkinshaw, J. Renwick Wylie, most of whom soon appeared.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read and approved.

Elder Dougall was excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Court.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, brother, and minister, and missionary of our church, left his family and congregation for two years of missionary service in Syria, and in all conscientious fidelity has labored for the two years and with special manifestations of the blessings of God upon his work; therefore, Resolved, that this Synod places on record its sincere and hearty appreciation of the sacrifice which he made in leaving his dear ones behind, and of the still greater sacrifice and consecration which his wife and children made in giving the husband and father to two years of service in that far away land; and that as a Synod we rejoice with them in the safe return of Mr. Dodds, and in the abundant tokens of God's goodness and blessing upon the service which they all have so lovingly rendered to the cause of Christ.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Committee on the records of Colorado Presbytery reported nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church except:

On page 171 the Clerk's name is wanting.
On page 171 a correction in phraseology is needed.
On pages 177, 189, 210, the Moderator's name is wanting.
On page 198 the signature of the Moderator is in pencil.
On page 198 slip of pen in spelling.
On page 200 Commission is abbreviated to Com.
On page 176 minutes of interim commission as recorded were not read and approved.

Committees on records of the Presbyteries of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, N. B. and N. S., New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Rochester reported nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church.

The Committee on records of Ohio Presbytery report the

minutes not present, owing to the absence of the Clerk from Synod.

The orders of the day was the election of an additional Professor of the Theological Seminary.

F. M. Wilson, J. B. Gilmore, F. M. Foster and J. C. French were appointed tellers.

Synod engaged in a season of prayer, led by R. M. Sommerville, W. W. Carithers and W. Henry George.

R. C. Wylie was declared elected on the second ballot. The choice was made unanimous.

The appointment of a Committee to wait on Mr. Wylie relative to his election was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer of the Jewish Mission Board, addressed the Synod on behalf of the Jewish Mission.

R. J. G. McKnight and Louis Meyer were excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Synod.

A collection amounting to $21.61 was taken for the janitor of the Church for services during this meeting of Synod.

The following resolution was adopted and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Resolved, inasmuch as next year will mark the 100th anniversary of the organization of this Synod, which took place in the city of Philadelphia in 1809, that a Special Committee be appointed to arrange a program for one of the evenings of next Synod to celebrate this event.

It was resolved to combine with this the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin.

It was resolved that it is the sense of this Synod that the evening conferences should not exceed one hour and a half in length, devotional exercises included.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Committee to wait upon Rev. R. C. Wylie relative to his election to the position of professor in the Theological Seminary: J. W. Sproull, A. Kilpatrick and T. H. Acheson.

Resolved, that the Board of Sperintendents of the Theological Seminary, the professors in the Seminary and the Committee on Finance meet together to consider the work of the newly elected professor.

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING FUND.

Your Committee on Traveling Fund would respectfully report:

Receipts.

Balance from 1907	$ 40.15
From Congregations	2,763.50
From deficit assessment	1,467.01
	$4,270.66

Expenditures.

Expense 1 delegate N. B. and N. S. Presbytery	$ 34.25
Expense 12 delegates Iowa Presbytery	530.04
Expense 21 delegates Kansas Presbytery	1,188.49
Expense 49 delegates Pittsburg Presbytery	724.93
Expense 9 delegates Ohio Presbytery	261.27
Expense 6 delegates Colorado Presbytery	634.52
Expense 9 delegates Rochester Presbytery	130.94
Expense 23 delegates New York Presbytery	159.18
Expense 16 delegates Illinois Presbytery	600.79
Expense railroad agent	6.25
	$4,270.66

C A EDGAR, **Chairman.**
D. C. MATHEWS,
H. G. PATTERSON,
S TURNER FOSTER,
W. J. McCULLOUGH,
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It was resolved that a Committee of one from each Presbytery be appointed to consider the matters connected with the expenses of the Synod, to report at the next meeting of Synod. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on National Reform reported. The report was received. R. C. Wylie, J. S. Martin and Elder Redpath addressed the Synod on behalf of the National Reform Association. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

The Committee on National Reform would respectfully report:

A summary view of the past year's work of the National Reform Association has been set before us in the report of its Executive Committee, which has been referred to us.

The report shows that a very encouraging number of conventions and institutes have been held in various cities extending from the East through the Middle States and as far west as Kansas. Some of these meetings were unusually successful, as the reports of them at the time have shown, and as has been impressed afresh upon the minds of the members of Synod in the addresses given by some of the Secretaries at the Synodical National Reform conference just past. But however encouraging the meetings were in themselves, we believe the report of the Executive Committee rightly points out that "More important by far than any direct results secured by these meetings

was the renewed demonstration which they afforded that practically the whole country today is an open door for the proclamation of the message concerning the kingdom of Christ, as related to nations and governments."

As regards the printing and circulating of literature by the association, the report shows that in addition to the Christian Statesman and such publications as are called for in connection with conventions, there have been issued "ten additional numbers in the series of studies in Christian citizenship," four thousand copies being printed of each number. The association has also entered upon a method of reaching the local newspapers of the several states with items of news and comment which is capable of expansion to cover regularly and systematically the whole country. But by far the most significant of the advanced steps recently taken by the association, we believe, is the opening for National Reform work secured at Winona Assembly. The Auditorium, purchased at an expense of about twelve hundred dollars, will be in use for the meetings the coming season, to be held August 6th to August 15th inclusive. Six of these days will be occupied by the meetings of the Institute, with two sessions daily and three speakers at each session. The Sabbath afternoon, August 9th, will be occupied with the dedicatory addresses of the new National Reform Auditorium.

Notwithstanding the fact that there are now able and willing National Reform workers in various denominations, we believe it is worthy of special notice to what a large degree the organizing and carrying on of National Reform work is performed by ministers or other workers in the Covenanter Church. Our Church is looked to as being, by reason of its providential history, its principles and self-sacrificing loyalty to Christ in actual life, specially fitted to be the leader in the reform. A solemn responsibility, we therefore believe, rests upon our Church to recognize to what a large extent the continued and successful agitation for a Christian government in our land depends upon her. National Reform work constitutes a distinct and invaluable sphere of appeal toward enlisting earnest Christians of all denomination in the effort to secure the acknowledgment of the kingship of Christ over the nations, and the securing of the other related reformers; and the large number of ministers, lawyers and educators who, in response to invitations, are every year in increasing numbers making telling addresses in behalf of the claims of Christ, encourages us to believe that if we faithfully display the banner given us to be displayed because of the truth, many under the blessing of the Holy Spirit will be led to follow it.

We approve of the request of the Executive Committee that Synod adopt the following resolutions:

1. That the second Lord's day in September be observed, as has been recommended before, as a day of prayer in behalf of the public schools and for preaching sermons on education. Synod's Committee would take occasion to express its deep conviction that the observing of such a day of prayer is capable of being made a source of blessing entirely beyond what Christian people yet realize.

2. That in view of several recent bequests to this cause, the example of these testators be commended as a suitable and worthy remembrance of the interests in this land of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

3. That the Synod petition Congress to submit to the Legislatures of the several states a constitutional amendment for the suppression of polygamy, and that the proposed form of this amendment shall acknowledge the law of Christ as the basis and the standard of our

legislation touching the family, and that the Moderator and Clerk be instructed to forward this petition.

4. That in view of the special and extraordinary expenses connected with the proposed World's Conference, the appropriation for this cause be increased for this year to eight thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GILMORE,
T. H. ACHESON,
A. B. COPELAND,
JAMES PATTERSON,
R. H. MARTIN.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee of the National Reform Association respectfully reports:

We condense the record of a busy and fruitful year into the following sentences:

Our Laborers.

Secretary Acheson felt constrained during the year to accept a call to pastoral work. The Rev. E. A. Crooks entered upon the work last autumn, and has labored in Ohio, Iowa and Kansas with great wisdom and energy, and abundant evidences of success. Dr. H. H. George Field Secretary, was able to give one whole month to public work for the cause, and Secretary J. Renwick Dill has labored assiduously throughout the year in Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. The editors of the Christian Statesman and the Treasurer of the Association have continued their usual labors.

Conventions and Meetings.

The convention in Columbus, Ohio, in December last, in connection with the annual meeting of the Association, and the conventions at Wapella, Iowa, and Olathe and Winchester, Kansas, were unusually successful meetings. More important by far than any direct results secured by these meetings was the renewed demonstration which they afforded that practically the whole country today is an open door for the proclamation of the message concerning the kingdom of Christ as related to nations and government.

Our Growing Literature.

Besides the Christian Statesman and what may be styled our fugitive literature, such as calls for conventions, circulars, press notices, etc., much of which is to be accounted among the most valuable and effective of our printed appeals, we have issued ten additional numbers in the series of Studies in Christian Citizenship, printing five thousand copies of each. In all we have printed about two million seven hundred and fifty-six thousand (2,756,000) pages of documents. We have also entered upon a method of reaching the local newspapers of the several states with items of news and comment which is capable of expansion to cover regularly and systematically the whole country.

Sundry Matters.

Our growing work at Winona Lake demands special mention. The Institute and Conference held there in August last showed a marked increase of both attendance and interest over previous years. This increase justified the act of a large number of liberal hearted friends of the cause in purchasing and securing to the Association for its work there a commodious auditorium, at an expense of about twelve hundred

dollars. This building will be in use for the meetings of the coming season. These meetings will be extended over a period of ten days, beginning on Thursday, August 6th, and closing Saturday, August 15th. Six of these days will be occupied by the meetings of the Institute, with two sessions daily and three speakers at each session. The Sabbath afternoon, August 9th, will be occupied with the dedicatory addresses of the new National Reform Auditorium. One day, Friday, August 14th, will be devoted to Peace and Arbitration, the exercises of the day being in charge of Dr. S. F. Scovel. Two sessions, closing the week, one on Thursday afternoon and one on Saturday forenoon, will be occupied with a public conference. A great opportunity is opened at Winona to bring needed political truth before a great multitude of intelligent and thoughtful minds.

The work of preparation for the proposed World's Conference continues to afford abundant encouragement. The correspondence thus far conducted, and the hearings obtained before missionary boards and other representative bodies, reveal the unquestionable fact that this Conference will afford a great opportunity to call forth from Christian citizens of the United States an effective demonstration in favor of the Christian principles of civil government as related to our own institutions, and to enlist in support of these principles the support of great numbers of Christian citizens in other communities. Especially is it important that these principles be implanted in the nascent and growing Christian communities in missionary lands.

We request Synod to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the second Lord's day in September be observed, as has been recommended heretofore, as a day for prayer in behalf of the public schools and for preaching sermons on education.

2. That in view of several recent bequests to this cause, the example of these testators be commended as a suitable and worthy remembrance of the interests in this land of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

3. That the Synod petition Congress to submit to the Legislatures of the several states a constitutional amendment for the suppression of polygamy, and that the proposed form of this amendment shall acknowledge the law of Christ as the basis and the standard of our legislation touching the family, and that the Moderator and Clerk be instructed to forward this petition.

4. That in view of the special and extraordinary expenses connected with the proposed World's Conference, the appropriation for this cause be increased for this year to eight thousand dollars.

Dr. R. C. Wylie has been appointed to represent this Association before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. STEVENSON,
R. C. WYLIE,
H. H. GEORGE,
J. R. WYLIE,
J. S. TIBBY,
J. S. MARTIN,
R. H. MARTIN,
J. S. THOMPSON,
D. C. MARTIN,
T. H. ACHESON,
A. B. COPELAND,
S. O. STERRETT.

The Synod engaged in devotional exercises, S. F. Kingston leading.

Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M. Prayer by James A. McAteer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday, 2:30 P. M. Synod met and was led in prayer by A. B. Copeland. Calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Rev. W. R. Laird.

The Special Committee, consisting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, the Professors in the Seminary and the members of the Committee on Finance, to confer in regard to the work of the newly elected Professor, reported. The report was received, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Amended and adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Amended and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CONFER IN REGARD TO WORK OF NEWLY ELECTED PROFESSOR IN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would make the following recommendations:

1. That the professor-elect, Dr. Wylie, be expected to give his whole time to the Seminary.

II. That the division of work be left with the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary and the professors.

III. That the salary of Dr. Wylie be $2,000 per annum.

IV. That, carrying out the suggestion of Professor Wilson, we recommend that his salary be $2,000 per annum.

Respectfully submitted.

T. P. STEVENSON, **Chairman.**
J. W. SPROULL, **Secretary.**

The Committee on Discipline reported. The report was received, and taken up item by item for adoption. The items

were all adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

The Committee on Discipline would respectfully report that three memorials have been referred to us.

The memorial from the Clarinda Congregation contains three questions.

1. May a session grant a certificate to a member who requests it, stating that he does not expect to unite with any other denomination and does not expect to remove from the bounds of the Congregation?

The question, and the one that follows, seem to ignore the difference which should always be preserved between a certificate of membership which certifies a member to another congregation of our own Church, and a statement of standing which does not certify him anywhere.

We recommend the following answer: That every reasonable effort should be made to induce the member to withdraw his request, and that if this fails the session should give the member a statement of standing, to which the session may add any exception it may judge suited to the circumstances of the case.

2. May a session grant a certificate of standing to a member who states his intention to unite with the United Presbyterian Church, but claims not to have changed his convictions as to any of our distinctive principles?

We recommend the same answer as to the first question.

3. May a session certify a member to a distant Congregation of our Church while continuing to reside in the bounds of the Congregation from which he asks to be certified?

We recommend the following answer:

That such member, after all persuasions to induce him to change his course have failed, is entitled to a certificate of membership, in which the session may incorporate any exception which the session receiving the certificate must pass upon.

2. The memorial from the session of the Olathe Congregation requests information as to the law and order of the Church regarding the duty of one parent in the membership of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to accord his infant children their birthright of the ordinance of baptism, when the other parent, not a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, does not believe in the administration of the sacrament to infants, and objects to the parent in membership securing its administration to their infant children.

We recommend the following answer:

That in case of a serious case of difference of conviction between husband and wife, the peace of the home must be carefully considered, and that in such a case as this the session must go no further than to give its advice.

We judge that the child of believing parents has a right to receive the seal of the Covenant of Grace by baptism, and that one parent believing in the admission of his child to the Covenant by his vows taken on its behalf, has a right to have his child baptized, but rights are not always to be insisted upon.

3. The questions in the memorial from the session of the Wilkinsburg Congregation are as follows:

1. Where does the authority rest for granting or refusing the use of the Church building, or other Church property, for other purposes than the regular services of the Congregation?

2. Has the session authority in any matters involving questions of finance?

3. If the session is vested with any such authority, can it require the deacons or trustees to provide for the discharge of financial obligations which it may authorize?

We recommend the following answers:

The session has charge of the spiritual interests of the Congregation, and the Board of Deacons or Trustees has in general the charge of the financnal interests of the Congregation. As the spiritual are more important than the financial interests, we conclude that when these interests overlap the higher authority and the more important interests should in general prevail.

1. We therefore decide that the granting or refusing the use of the Church building or other Church property for other purposes than the regular services of the Congregation belongs to the session, because principles involved in such action may require the consideration of the spiritual court.

2. Questions of finance belong in general to the Board of Deacons or Trustees, acting in harmony with the will of the Congregation. When, however, questions of finance arise relating to matters under the charge of the session, such as the payment of the supply of the pulpit, or of assistance at Communion, we judge that the session has a right to fix the amount to be paid, and that the Board of Deacons or Trustees should honor their request for the payment of the same, It is believed that when once it is understood that the session has the right to decide these matters, Boards of Deacons or Trustees will not decline to pay what is decided to be due. (Signed)

W. J. COLEMAN,
T. C. SPROULL,
J. C. McFEETERS,
F. W. CAMPBELL,
R. J. McGEE.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was received, and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted. E. J. Feuersohn addressed the Synod on behalf of the Jewish Mission, James McCune and W. S. Moore on behalf of the Indian Mission, and J. S. Martin on behalf of the Southern Mission. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions presents the following report:

There have been placed in our hands the report of the Central Board of Domestic Missions; the report of the Board of Jewish Missions; two items from the report of the Mission Conference relating to East Craftsburry, Vermont and Content Mission Station, Alberta, Canada, and item 13 of the report on Unfinished Business, relating to the ordination of E. J. Feuersohn by the Philadelphia Presbytery.

We note with gratitude the manifestations of divine favor in the growth of the work in the various fields under the supervision of these Boards, and place on record our appreciation of the self-denying labors

of those employed in these fields. The Central Board makes special mention of the efficient services rendered by Miss Mary Carithers in various departments of the Indian Mission.

The connection of Miss Carithers with the Mission has recently terminated by her marriage to Mr. D. C. Ward, and it is fitting that the Synod join with the Board in recognizing her excellency of character and her efficiency as a Christian worker.

It is cause of encouragement and profound gratitude that during the past year the Jewish Mission has gathered first fruits in the public profession of Jesus Christ of two Jewish men, who recently received the ordinance of baptism.

The filling of the vacancies on the Board of Jewish Mission caused by the death of two of its members was referred by Synod to the Committee on Nominations.

The items requiring action by Synod are embodied in the following recommendations:

1. That the Central Board be authorized to open a Mission among the Southern mountaineers if the funds can be provided for this purpose.

2. That East Craftsburry remain under the Central Board for another year.

3. That the care of the Content Mission, Albera, Canada, be transferred to the Colorado Presbytery.

4. That the cause of Domestic Missions be specially recommended to the thoughtful consideration of the Church, as it is one which requires constant care and liberal support.

5. That the Philadelphia Presbytery be instructed to proceed with the ordination of licentiate E. J. Feuersohn if in their judgment this procedure is warranted by the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE,
D. H. ELLIOTT,
G. W. BENN,
WM. HOGAN,
ROBT. McAFEE.

REPORT OF CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The fifty-fourth annual report of the Central Board of Missions:

In making this, our annual report, we have to record the death of David McAllister, D. D., LL. D., on the 13th of June, 1907. Dr. McAllister was elected a member of the Board in 1888. During all these years he attended regularly our meetings, except during the few months preceding his death, when, on account of failing health, he was but seldom able to be with us. The Board has placed on record its acknowledgment of the valuable services he rendered to the Church and to the cause of Christ, and its deep sense of loss by his removal. At our meeting in July Rev. F. M. Wilson was elected a member of the Board to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. McAllister's death. Rev. J. S. Thompson, elected a year ago, took his place as a member of the Board.

Domestic Mission.

Alberta, Canada.—Rev. Wm. McFarland continued to labor in this field until August 1st. He was followed by Rev. W. J. McBurney, who remained there for nearly six months, leaving at the end of February. Rev. J. M. Armour has been appointed for the month of June.

The prospects for a steady growth are reasonably good. Ours are the only religious services held within a number of miles.

East Craftsbury, Vt.—We have nothing new to report with reference to this Congregation. Mr. Crozier is still in charge. On account of sickness he was obliged to remain at home for a time. The question as to whom the church building and parsonage belong is still unsettled.

The Mountaineers of the Southland.—Our Corresponding Secretary, by direction of the Board, obtained what information he could with refernce to this people, the efforts made to better it and the expense of inaugurating a Mission among them. We are glad to be able to state that, while there is great spiritual destitution, the churches, and especially those in the South, are making an earnest effort to provide for it. While the expense of commencing and carrying on a Mission there would not be great, the chief item being the salaries of the workers, we did not see our way clear to begin the work on account of the financial stringency. We refer the whole matter back to Synod.

Receipts for the year	$11,042.49
Expenditures	11,743.90
Balance overdrawn	438.76

We ask for this fund, $12,000.

Southern Mission.

The Mission force during the year was as follows: J. G. Reed, Superintendent; Prof. W. Bottom, Wm. Anderson, Miss M. J. Greer, Sophia Kingston, Mary Willson, Anna Simms, Margaret Martin, Ella M. Hays, Anna McKelvey, Isa Marshall, M. E. Fowler, Augusta Buck, Mrs. M. I. Robb, Mrs. G. M. Simms, L. Kynett.

The school opened on the 30th of September, 1907, and closed on May 22nd, 1908. The commencement exercises were held on the 26th of May. There was a graduating class of five girls. The enrollment for the year was 518. The prevalence of disease, measles, la grippe, pneumonia, etc., in the homes of the pupils, especially during the months of January and February, kept many scholars away. The financial troubles had also a like effect. Many poór people were unable to obtain employment. Money was hard to get. The farmers, who depend on advances, were not able to get them this year. Children were taken from school in order to help earn a livelihood for the family, while some were not able to come at all. The health of the teachers was exceptionally good.

The course of study continues the same. That now in use seems to meet the needs.

The Bible work is much the same as last year. In all the schools there was an average of 373 portions of the Bible or questions in the catechism memorized during the year.

The average attendance at the morning Sabbath School was 133; at the afternoon Bible class 126, and at the Christian Endeavor about 75. Rev. J. S. Martin assisted at the spring Communion. Evangelistic services were held previously in the school and church. Considerable interest was manifested. Three, Mrs. Professor Anderson and two young men, united with us, and several others with the churches of which their parents were members.

Industrial Department.

Miss Fowler continues in charge of the sewing department. There was an enrollment of 292 and an average attendance of 228. One hour a week was given to the lower grades and two hours to the higher. The financial exhibit is not as good as it was a year ago. Expenses, $74.16; receipts, $54.48; net cost, $19.68. The hard times account for the unsatisfactory showing in this and other departments. There is quite a stock of garments on hand which can be disposed of later. Miss Fowler taught, in addition, the high school class in history.

Miss Greer has the cooking department. The higher grades are given this course, spending one hour a week. The enrollment was 80; average attendance, 72. The expenses were $390.13; receipts, $348.63; net cost, $41.50. Miss Greer attended to the noon lunch, from the sale of which a considerable sum was realized. In addition she had charge of three Latin and the general history classes from the high school.

In the carpentry department there was an enrollment of 176 and an average attendance of 163. The expenses were $131.71; receipts, $88.29; net cost, $45.42. Credit should be given for $15.00 worth of work on the school property and about $40.00 for work done by Professor Bottoms on the East Selma school building. The work will be enlarged this fall by the addition of blacksmithing and wheelwrighting. Mr. Anderson, one of our members, had training in this line when attending the Indiana University. He will have charge. He expects to spend some time at the university this summer fitting himself for his work. A portion of the building in the industrial department can be used for the new department.

Mrs. Reed has charge of the music. She conducted the instruction in the upper grades as her health permitted. Miss Isa Marshall rendered her valuable assistance, as did also Professor Bottoms, who organized and is the leader of a brass band which has quite a local reputation. Mrs. Reed also assisted in other work. Her health became so impaired that she was obliged to leave for the north a few weeks before thes chool closed.

East Selma.

The school opened in the rented building on September 30th, 1907, and closed on May 20th, 1908. Enrollment, 81; average attendance, 55. Total expense, including two months' salary of teacher last spring, $84.55; receipts, $140.35. The Sabbath School, which was held in the afternoons, had an average attendance of 70. The Loyal Temperance Legion met once a month.

The new building was occupied the first time about the middle of February. The lot, which is 176 by 130, cost $345.75. Total cost, without including seating, will be about $2,271.34. The building presents an attractive appearance both within and without. Miss Kingston has charge.

Pleasant Grove.

The building is too small to accommodate all who would like to attend the school. There is a seating capacity for only about 40, while there was often an attendance of 70 and sometimes of 90. Mrs. Kynett, who has charge, urges an enlargement. Professor Bottoms will make an estimate of the cost and report. Expenditures, including cost of addition to the house, were $78.63; receipts, $17.82. On account of the hard times, it was very difficult to collect the tuition. The Sabbath School was well attended. Mr. Reed preaches here once a month.

Valley Creek.

The Sabbath School, under the direction of Mrs. S. F. Kingston, has been held regularly during the year. The Congregation carries on the work here.

Notwithstanding some drawbacks, Mr. Reed regards this as one of the best years since his connection with the Mission. He calls calls attention to the spirit of "loyalty to its interests manifested by the teachers, which found expression in the introduction of new lines of effort on behalf of the pupils and self-denying efforts to make them successful. These," he adds, "have given wide prestige and attracted

attention to the institution, and at the same time have ministered to its highest purposes."

Receipts for the year	$7,040.86
Expenditures	9,503.81
Balance	1,694.21
We ask for this fund	5,000.00

Indian Mission.

The Mission force during the year was as follows: W. W. Carithers, Superintendent; Miss Mary Carithers, teacher; W. S. Moore, care of Indian boys; S. Coulter, broom maker; Lloyd Euwing, farmer; W. S. McAnlis, Rena McAnlis, care of girls; R. S. McIlhenney, farmer; Lily McKnight, teacher; Emma McFarland, Apache worker; Anna Coleman, teacher; Mary Peoples, kitchen and dining room for Indian children; Haddie Dill, kitchen and dining-room for whites; Minty Allen, laundress.

Miss Mary Carithers taught the junior grade of the Indian school for the past year. She has grown up with the Mission and has a good working knowledge of the Comanche language. She has on occasion taken charge of several difficult parts of the work at the Mission when there was a lack of workers. We take this opportunity of recognizing her self-denying efforts for the Mission, her interest in the converts and her eminent Christian character, as she has recently been united in marriage with Mr. D. C. Ward, of Wilkinsburg, and leaves the Mission.

School opened September 10th, 1907, and closed May 18th, 1908. The enrollment was 59. Total number of verses committeed by Indian children in both grades, 20,168. The portions committeed were the Parables, the Miracles, Epistles of John and a number of chapters in other places. The Shorter Catechism was committed by all in grade II. and by the A division in grade I.

Instead of the regular Sabbath School lesson we took up regular Bible study as outlined in the Blakeslee system. Grade I. studied the Life of Christ. Grade II. studied the Founding of the Early Church and the Apostolic Leaders, especial study being given to the Life of Paul: His Teachings and Missionary Journeys.

The children have been greatly interested in the study of these lessons, and after the lesson they would write the story of Paul and trace his journey on the map, which each had drawn in their note-books. The books of Deuteronomy, Judges, Ruth, I. Samuel and II. Samuel to the 12th chapter were read in the daily Bible readings in chapel. On Monday mornings the children in grade II. would write what they could remember of the sermon they had heard on Sabbath evening.

As the sermons to the Indians have been the study of Old Testament characters, this has been a specially delightful exercise for them. They have taken great interest in their school work and are steadily advancing along the lines of common school work. Two and one-half hours each day are given to the Bible work. The afternoons are given to regular school work.

The Congregation now numbers 104. Several of the workers who held their membership elsewhere have united with it. This, while not weakening other congregations, greatly strengthened the work of the Mission. Some of the members live in Greer county, Oklahoma, and Hutchison county, Texas, from 150 to 200 miles distant. They will likely be formed into a station before long, which, of course, will decrease the membership at the Mission.

An election of officers was held during the year. Both the Session and the Board of Deacons were increased.

The white Sabbath School at Santiago was held every Sabbath during the year except for a short time when, on account of the prevalence of a contagious disease, it was suspended. In both it and the white Sabbath School at the Mission there was made a very successful effort to have Bible verses committed. This was done by choosing sides, each side aiming to commit the most verses during the week. No prizes were offered, the rivalry seeming to be a sufficient spur to cause even the most negligent to make some effort.

The educated members, assisted by the older Indians, who are more skilful in the use of the language, are engaged in translating some of the Psalms into the Comanche language. They are making considerable progress, and have a few of them which they have put to tunes of their own, also one Psalm which has been arranged for one of our short metre tunes. The good effects of the work of the Mission are seen in the lives of those who come under its influence. Mr. Carithers calls attention to the fact that there is in all the work a higher plane of spirituality reached than has been known before. At one of the communions a call was made on those that had not been living right to meet with the Session. A number who had been under process came willingly. Some who had not been living well, but who were still within the bounds so far that they were not likely to be cited to appear, came voluntarily, confessed that they had been living far from God and wished to live better in the future. Time has shown that this was really their desire, and what they have been striving for since. In the contributions there has been a great advance. Of course the larger part came from the white people, yet the Indians are learning to give systematically and, for them, liberally. Some are making an earnest effort to give the tenth, and others are viewing it with more favor than formerly. When this was first proposed it looked big.

Miss McFarland is still at work among the Apaches. On Sabbaths she gathers the Indians in the camps, usually at three points, where she meets with them and instructs them in the Sabbath School lesson.

The equipment of the Mission has been strengthened by the erection of a hay barn for the alfalfa hay. The wooden tank tower under the water tank which supplies water to all the buildings has been replaced by a stone tower, which will also be a storage place for canned fruit and vegetables.

In closing his report, Mr. Carithers testifies to the "harmony and hearty co-operation among the workers with any plan that promises advancement to the work of the Mission, and makes grateful mention of supplies sent by missionary societies and individuals."

Receipts for the year	$6,768.93
Expenditures	8,798.89
Balance overdrawn	1,129.05
We ask for this mission	$5,000.00

J. W. SPROULL, **Chairman.**
A. C. COULTER, **Secretary.**
W. J. COLEMAN, **Cor. Secretary.**

The Chairman and Secretary of the Board were appointed to represent it on the floor of Synod.

REPORT OF JEWISH MISSION BOARD.

The workers in the Mission during the past year have been Mr. E. J. Feuersohn, who is nobly assisted in all his labors by his estimable

wife; Miss Mary Bell, who is in charge of the sewing school, and Drs Caldwell and Dray, in charge of the dispensary. Mr. William G. Carson, an elder in the First Church of this city, has served most efficiently as Superintendent of the Mission.

The lines of work followed have been the peraching of the Gospel, Sabbath School, night school for adults, sewing school for children, medical work and the distribution of Bibles and other literature. The attendance on these services has been notably increased, and a serious interest has been manifested. We have had occasion to rejoice greatly in visible fruits from these labors in the public profession of Jesus Christ as the Savior of men by two Jewish men, Messrs. —— Isaacson and Jacob Cohen were baptized in the Second Church on April 9th, and are living consistently with their profession.

The Board in charge of this work has suffered the loss of two of its members during the year—Dr. Alexander Caldwell, who for many years served in the dispensary with marked fidelity and great success, and Mr. William Steel, an elder of the Third Church and a member of this Board since its formation. The Board placed on its minutes a suitable expression of its appreciation of Dr. Caldwell's services. His unfailing punctuality, his kindness of heart and his medical skill won for him the affection and gratitude of the Hebrew people who came to the Mission, and were a valuable auxiliary to the work. The death of Mr. Steel removed a judicious counsellor and a faithful helper in the work. The places of these members on the Board should be filled by Synod.

We ask the same appropriation as last year.

The Secretary of the Board has been appointed to appear on its behalf when this report is considered.

J. C. McFEETERS, Chairman.
T. P. STEVENSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference, consisting of the Central Board and fourteen representatives of Presbyteries, met according to appointment of Synod in the Third Church of the Covenanters of Philadelphia, May 27th, 28th, 30th. Four sessions were held. Forty-seven Congregations were recommended for aid to the amount of $16,345, as follows:

N. B. and N. S. Presbytery.

Barnesville, $7 per Sabbath, not to exceed the sum of	$175 00
St. John	250 00
Cornwallis	400 00

Colorado Presbytery.

Canon City, in case of settlement	$400 00
Denver	325 00
Los Angeles	750 00
Greely	200 00
La Junta, in case of settlement	200 00
Santa Ana	500 00

Illinois Presbytery.

Selma	$400 00
Coulterville, an amount equal to what the Congregation raises, not to exceed the sum of	400 00
St. Louis	250 00
Staunton, in case of settlement	300 00
Staunton for supplies, $5 per Sabbath, not to exceed sum of	150 00

New York Presbytery.

Cambridge	500 00
West Hebron, in case of settlement	400 00
West Hebron for supplement, $5 per day for a sum not to exceed	150 00
Coldenham	300 00
White Lake	150 00

(Or, after the Congregation has paid all it is able to pay, a sum adequate to provide a salary of $800.)

Rochester Presbytery.

Lisbon	$400 00
Lochiel	300 00
Syracuse	500 00

Iowa Presbytery.

Vernon, in case of settlement	$300 00
Vernon for supplies, $5 per day, not to exceed sum of	150 00
Rehoboth	150 00
Hicory Grove, $6 per Sabbath, not to exceed the sum of	100 00

Kansas Presbytery.

Billings	$100 00
Hebron, in case of settlement	270 00
Homewood, as much as the Congregation raises, not to exceed the sum of	200 00
Kansas City, in case of settlement	550 00
Kansas City for supplies, $5 per Sabbath.	
Superior	400 00
Tabor	250 00
Topeka, in case of settlement	400 00
Wahoo, for stated supply for three-fourths time	300 00
Wahoo for supplies, as much as Congregation raises, not to exceed sum of	200 00

Ohio Presbytery.

Fairgrove, in case of settlement	$400 00
Fairgrove for supplies, $5 per day, not to exceed sum of	200 00
Jonathan's Creek, in case of settlement	300 00
Belle Centre	300 00
Hetherton	400 00
Cedarville	200 00
Bellefontaine	450 00
Londonderry, Muskingum and Tomica	100 00

Pittsburg Presbytery.

North Union	$100 00
Brookland	200 00
Bear Run and Mahoning	200 00
Slippery Rock	300 00
Youngstown	700 00
Mercer	300 00
McKeesport	700 00
Pine Creek	100 00
Middletown and Adamsville for supplies, a sum not to exceed.	300 00

The Conference took the following action:

1. That in the schedule of Congregations receiving aid, Kansas City be raised from the second to the first class.

2. That we reaffirm the action of last year, page 47, item 4, viz.. "That while we recognize the duty of every member and Congregation of the Covenanter Church to heartily support all the schemes of the

Church, yet we would urge that Congregations asking aid from Conference give precedence to the pastor's support, and pay in full if possible." We also recommend that Presbyteries made inquiry at fall meeting into all cases of known inequality, and that a delegate of Presbytery be instructed to urge them to increased effort to provide a comfortable support for their pastors.

3. That each Congregation asking aid from the Conference be required to specify in a written request the amount they will pledge themselves to raise, before being entitled to consideration by the Mission Conference.

4. That the recommendation from New York Presbytery for $800 for Second Boston, to meet arrears in pastor's salary, be referred to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SPROULL, Chairman.
F. M. WILSON, Secretary.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Presbyteries be instructed to license students of theology to preach at the end of the first term of the Seminary course, it being provided that they shall not receive appointments from the Presbytery nor be eligible to calls until after the second term in the Seminary, and provided also that their preaching and preparation for preaching shall not be allowed to interfere with the diligent prosecution of the regular work of the second and third Seminary terms.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. J. L. Scott.

The Board of Control reported. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 adopted. Item 11 amended and adopted. Item 12 adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report that the following papers have been referred to us, viz.:

1. Report of Annette G. Wallace, Treasurer of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association.
2. Reports of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer.
3. Report of Synod's Board of Trustees, J. S. Tibby, Treasurer.
4. Report of S. A. S. Metheney, Treasurer Jewish Mission Board.
5. Report of Mission Conference.
6. Reports of R. C. Wylie, Synod's financial agent for National Reform; of the Committee on Testimony Bearing; and Synod's Permanent Committee on Temperance.
7. Report and request from Central Board relating to a new

schedule for collections; for appropriation for Mission in Content, Canada; and request from Second Boston Congregation for $800 to meet deficit in pastor's salary.

8. Report of Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary; also from the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education; of Board of Trustees of Geneva College; and a communication from Prof. D. B. Wilson relating to a division of his salary.

9. Report of James S. Tibby, Treasurer Literary Fund.

10. Report of Alliance of Reformed Churches.

11. Report of James S. Tibby on printing and sale of minutes.

12. A resolution relating to the preparation of a plan to secure increased liberality in all departments of Church work.

13. Report of the Board of Church Erection.

14. Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

15. Report of the Board of Control.

We found the reports of these Treasurers audited and approved by their respective Boards.

In view of the financial stress, we express our special gratitude to the Head of the Church that He has enabled our Treasurers to so manage their affairs as to be able to report a balance in almost every department of the Church work.

We recommend:

1. That the synopses and summaries of Treasurer Walter T. Miller, and the reports of the Treasurers, James S. Tibby, S. A. S. Metheney, Annette G. Wallace, and of Synod's financial agent for National Reform, and the report of Synod's Board of Trustees, and a recapitulation of the balance sheets of various Treasurers, be published in the minutes.

2. That the appropriations of the Mission Conference be approved; that $500 be appropriated to Colorado Presbytery for support of work in Alberta, Canada; and $2,000 for the Oakland Chinese Mission; and $800 from Sustenation Fund for Second Boston.

3. That the Treasurer of the Literary Fund be instructed to pay forty ($40) dollars to the Treasurer of the Western section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, and thirty-five and 14-100 ($35.14), the deficit for printing minutes of 1907.

4. That the Treasurer of the Literary Fund be authorized to publish a new edition of 1,500 copies of the minion new version Psalm books, and 500 copies of the Book of Discipline.

5. That the Clerk of Synod be directed to print 1,000 copies of the Minutes of Synod, 1908, and that they be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Literary Fund to be sold for 35 cents per copy.

6. The term for which Messrs. A. C. Coulter, A. B. Copeland and William Blair were made members of the Board of Trustees will expire June 15th, 1908. Messrs. Copeland and Coulter ask to be released from further service. Synod recognizes the long and faithful labors of these brethren through a period of over thirty years.

We recommend that William Blair be elected his own successor, and that Mr. Oliver Wylie and John M. Allen be elected the successors of Mr. A. B. Copeland and Mr. A. C. Coulter.

7. Dr. R. C. Wylie, Synod's financial agent for National Reform, offers his resignation. We recognize the careful and self-sacrificing services which this brother has rendered in the interests of this department of Christ's kingdom, and recommend that his resignation be accepted and that James S. Tibby be chosen his successor.

8. That George A. Edgar be elected to fill the unexpired term of J. A. Black, and that C. D. Trumbull and S. E. McElhinney be elected their own successors on the Board of Control.

9. That the salary of the professor-elect of the Theological Seminary be fixed at two thousand dollars ($2,000), and that Professor D. B. Willson's salary remain unchanged.

10. That the following instructions and rules governing the schedule of collections recommended by the Central Board of Missions be adopted, and that 1,500 copies of statistical blanks be printed.

1. The Literary Fund be dropped from the list of appropriations, and the expenses of this fund be met by special appropriations undesignated.

2. Geneva College Library Fund be dropped from the list of appropriations, and the expenses paid by Geneva College Current Account

3. Chinese Home Mission Fund be dropped, and aid given from Domestic Mission Fund.

4. Aged Ministers Fund and Widows and Orphans Fund be united, and one-third of collections be credited to Aged Ministers Fund and two-thirds of collection to widows and children of deceased ministers.

5. The Central Board recommends the following appropriations, with the date for congregational collections:

June, third Sabbath, Students' Aid Fund.....
July, first Sabbath, Aged Ministers and Widows and Oprhans Fund .....
July, third Sabbath, Aged People's Home.....
August, first Sabbath, Theological Seminary.....
August, third Sabbath, Jewish Missions.....
September, first Sabbath, Southern Mission.....
September, third Sabbath, Indian Mission.....
October, first Sabbath, Domestic Mission.....
November, first Sabbath, National Reform.....
November, fourth Sabbath, Temperance.. .....
December, first Sabbath, Syrian Mission.....
January, first Sabbath, Mission in China.....
February, first Sabbath, Testimony Bearing.....
March, first Sabbath, Geneva College.....
April, first Sabbath, Church Erection.....

Instructions.

1. Fill out the blanks on the other page from the Records of Sessions and the report of the Treasurer of the Congregation. Write every word and figure distinctly. Do not insert cents; if the amount is over a half dollar make it one dollar more than the number of dollars. Carefully add up and prove each sum, and forward promptly to the Clerk of Presbytery.

2. In each blank place the sum of all the contributions made to the particular scheme by the Congregation, Sabbath School, societies and individuals.

3. In pastor's salary blank place only amount of salary paid by Congregation.

4. In National Reform blank include all collections to this Fund, and contributions to conventions and associations in aid of this movement.

5. In the Miscellaneous blank include all money given for pulpit supply, Sabbath School, support of the poor, and all contributions for Congregational and Church purposes, and for public, charitable and religious objects.

6. In foot notes give the name of the correspondent, where a Congregation is vacant.

7. The additional blank spaces must not be used except as they may be needed for recording contributions to new missions or other

schemes, as may be ordered by Synod. In that case the necessary blank spaces will be used for entering the contributions to the scheme whose name they bear.

11. That a committee of three, consisting of James A. McAteer, J. S. Martin and James S. Tibby, be appointed to prepare a circular letter to be sent to all our Congregations and Mission Stations, which will set forth clearly the second item in the report of Mission Conference, and which will present the advantages of the envelope system, the paying of all monies through the Congregational Treasurer, and the necessity of forwarding collections promptly to Synod's Treasurer.

12. We recommend the following appropriations, with the dates for the congregational collections:

June, third Sabbath, Students Aid Fund	$1,500 00
July, first Sabbath, Aged Ministers one-third, Widows and Orphans two-thirds	4,000 00
July, third Sabbath, Aged People's Home	1,000 00
August, first Sabbath, Theological Seminary	4,000 00
August, third Sabbath, Jewish Mission	2,500 00
September, first Sabbath, Southern Mission	5,000 00
September, third Sabbath, Indian Mission	5,000 00
October, first Sabbath, Domestic Mission	12,000 00
November, first Sabbath, National Reform	8,000 00
November, fourth Sabbath, Temperance	2,000 00
December, first Sabbath, Syrian Mission	17,500 00
January, first Sabbath, Mission in China	5,000 00
February, first Sabbath, Testimony Bearing	5,000 00
March, first Sabbath, Geneva College	2,800 00
April, first Sabbath, Church Erection	4,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WYLIE,
JAMES S. McGAW,
W. O. FERGUSON,
R. W. WALLACE,
WILSON DOUGHERTY.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF CONTROL.

The annual meeting of your Board was held November 12th, 1907, and all business intrusted to its management was given due attention.

Each application for aid was carefully considered, and appropriations made in accordance with our best judgment and all information at hand. Nine students of theology, three aged ministers and fifteen widows and orphans of deceased ministers were granted aid from the respective funds. The amount appropriated for each is given in the report of your Treasurer.

J. A. Black has resigned, and we would recommend that G. A. Edgar, pastor of Rehoboth Congregation, be appointed to fill the unexpired term. The term of S. E. McElhinney and C. D. Trumbull as members of our Board expire this year, and their successors are to be chosen.

For the ensuing year we ask the following appropriations: Aged Ministers, $1,500; Widows and Orphans, $2,500; Students Fund, $1,500.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. McGAW, **Secretary.**

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Moderator and Members of the Synod.

Dear Brethren: The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America respectfully beg leave to report, and in connection therewith to submit the report of the Treasurer for the year ending May 1st, 1908.

First.—Since our last report we have lost by death one of our members, Mr. Daniel Chesnut, who entered into his rest Sabbath morning, June 23rd, 1907. He was Secretary of the Board for over forty years, during which time he faithfully and laboriously devoted himself to the work which came to his hands as a member and Secretary of the Board. His work was thorough, faithful, self-sacrificing, constant and ever loyal to the best interests of the Church he loved to serve. Mr. William Blair was elected to fill his unexpired term as a member of the Board.

Second.—The persons elected at the last meeting of Synod to serve on the Board have accepted their appointments, viz.: Messrs. J. A. McAteer, J. H. McBurney and Jas. S. Tibby.

Third.—As to matters on which you gave us instructions at your last meeting: We report that the same have been attended to as per your instructions.

Fourth.—The following bequests were received during the year: Thos. Slater, Wilkinsburg, Pa., for Indian Mission, current, $200.00; Mrs. Isabella Torrens, New York, for Syrian Mission, $999.12; Domestic Mission, $999.13; Jane Brown, Philadelphia, Pa., Latakia Mission, $38.64; Tarsus Mission, $38.64; Mrs. Agnes McInroy, Bay City, Mich. This bequest, amounting to $3,000.00, was given to the Board while the donor was living. By agreement she received interest at four per cent till death. As per her instructions it was distributed as follows: Foreign Mission endowment, $1,000.00; Domestic Mission endowment, $500.00; Theological Seminary endowment, $500.00; Southern Mission endowment, $300.00; Chines Home Mission endowment, $300.00; Indian Mission current account, $400.00—a total of $3,000.00, and a grand total of bequests of $5,275.53.

Fifth.—The aggregate amount of bonds, mortgages, real estate and other assets held by your Board is $545,958.83. Out of the earnings for the year closed the Board declared a dividend on endowments of $356,300.75 at 5½ per cent of $19,596.54, an increase of $1,657.76 over last year.

Sixth.—The amount of the David Gregg endowment fund is $157,015.73. The interest-income for the year closed is $9,589.48. The interest-income for last year was $9,105.16, an increase of $484.32.

Seventh.—We report that the books and accounts of the Board were audited by a Committee consisting of Messrs. G. A. McKee and R. J. Ward, and found correct as per their certificate attached to the report of the Treasurer.

Eighth.—The term for which Messrs. A. C. Coulter, A. B. Copeland and William Blair were made members of the Board will expire June 15th, 1908. We ask that their successors be chosen by ballot as required by law. Mr. Copeland, who has faithfully served on the Board for over thirty years, on account of advancing years kindly desires to be excused from further service.

Ninth.—Messrs. A. B. Copeland and James S. Tibby were appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

JAMES S. TIBBY, **Secretary.**

Pittsburg, Pa., May 1st, 1908.

REPORT OF J. S. TIBBY, TREASURER OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

1907.		
May 1.	Balance	$155,354 33
	Notes and subscriptions paid	5,886.00
		$161,240 33
	Less traveling expenses Dr. W. P. Johnston	28 51
1908.		
May 1.	Balance	$161,211 82

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT.

1907.		
May 1.	Balance	$64,220 69
1908	Mrs. Agnes McInroy, bequest	500 00
May 1.	Balance	$64,720 69

STUDENTS' AID FUND ENDOWMENT.

1907.		
May 1.	Balance	$16,236 88
	Rev. J. S. Duncan, on account note	20 00
1908.		
May 1.	Balance	$16,256 88

FOREIGN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1907.		
May 1.	Balance	$48,633 43
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy, bequest	1,000 00
1908.		
May 1.	Balance	$49,633 43

DOMESTIC MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1907.		
May 1.	Balance	$31,611 30
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy, bequest	500 00
1908.		
May 1.	Balance	$32,111 30

SOUTHERN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1907.		
May 1.	Balance	$5,181 28
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy, bequest	300 00
1908.		
May 1.	Balance	$5,481 28

CHINESE HOME MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		$100 00
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy, bequest		300 00
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		$400 00

THE FOLLOWING ENDOWMENTS REMAIN UNCHANGED:

1908.		
May 1.	Indian Mission	$2,000 00
	Aged Ministers	12,878 52
	Jas. and Mary Jane Carlisle Fund for Aged Ministers	500 00
	Mission in China	237 50
	Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers	5,829 02
	Church Erection	3,400 00
	Jas. R. McKee Fund for Widows and Children	2,000 00
	Jas. R. McKee Fund for Foreign Mission	1,000 00
	Brooklyn, N. Y., Congregation	4,867 80
	Iowa Presbytery	700 00
	Wilkinsburg, Pa., Congregation	500 00
	Bible Society, N. Y.	50 00
	Mrs. Sarah J. Steel Fund for Geneva College	1,000 00
	David Gregg Endowment—not governed by regular dividend	157,015 73
	Total Endowment receiving 5½ per cent dividend	356,300 75
	Total Endowment for next year's div.	364,778 24

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		$156,750 00
	Invested in mortgages during year		12,000 00
			$168,750 00
	Mortgages paid off		12,400 00
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		$156,350 00

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1908.			
May 1.	Interest received during year from mortgages		$9,489 48
	Charged account 5 per cent for handling funds	$474 47	
	Foreign Mission Fund received	3,005 00	
	Domestic Mission	1,803 00	
	Sustentation Fund	601 00	
	Church Erection	601 00	
	Theological Seminary	601 00	
	Southern Mission	601 00	
	Chinese Home Mission	601 00	

	Widows and Children	601 00		
	Central Allegheny Congregation....	601 01		
				9,489 48

REGULAR MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

1907.				
May 1.	Balance			321,842 26
	Invested in mortgages			48,176 00
				$370,018 26
	Mortgages paid off			30,986 07
1908.				
May 1.	Balance			$339,032 19

GREENSBURG, PA., CHURCH PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

1907.				
May 1.	Balance			1,692 00
June 22.	Credited to Geneva Co. Ltd. note....	$1,692 00		

SALEM, PA. CHURCH PROPERTY, BETHEL BRANCH.

1907.				
May 1.	Balance			91 00
June 22.	Credited to Geneva Co. Ltd. note...	91 00		

SALEM, PA., CHURCH PROPERTY, BELLEVUE BRANCH.

1907.				
May 1.	Balance			82 75
June 22.	Credited to Geneva Co. Ltd. note...	82 75		

MANCHESTER, PA., CHURCH PROPERTY.

1907.				
May 1.	Balance			43 00
June 22.	Paid J. A. McElroy, Treas. Brookland, Pa., R. P. Cong.....	43 00		

SUNDRIES ACCOUNT.

1907.				
May. 29.	From Rev. J. H. Pritchard, traveling fund	37 69		
June 3.	F. M. Wilson, traveling fund.....	4 20		
Feb. 24.	D. C. Matthews, traveling fund.....	20 70		
				62 59
1907.				
May 1.	Balance overdrawn			22 29
1908.				
May 1.	Balance			$40 30

OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

1907.				
May 1.	Balance			441 78
	Linoleum and chairs			45 90
				$487 68
	Sold old linoleum			3 00
1908.				
May 1.	Balance			$484 68

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

1907	Balance		2,997 17
	Balance year's profits credited		939 62
			$3,936 79
	Geneva Co. Ltd. interest charged	4,011 37	
	Taxes on property, Lyric St	9 75	
1908.			
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		84 33
		$4,021 12	$4,021 12

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1908.			
April 30.	Receipts from mortgages and notes		20,678 20
	Net income from real estate		956 94
	Geneva College overdraft		486 00
	D. Gregg account for handling funds		474 47
	Pitts. Pres., for handling funds		8 73
	Sundry account for handling funds.		3 46
			$22,607 80

Expenditures.

1908.			
April 30.	Rev. R. Shield's donation, interest one year		$56 00
	Cash donation, interest one year		92 37
	Wall paper, bill delayed		4 95
	W. P. M. S. Pitts. Pres. fund, interest one year		9 00
	Mrs. M. C. Stanton, exect., interest in full		83 66
	Thos. Christison donation, interest one year		5 00
	Pitts. Pres. funds, interest one year		174 74
	Rev. C. Clyde Home fund, interest one year		47 33
	62 per cent of office expenses		1,570 28
	Sale of 18 Niagara St., net loss		28 31
	1908 dividend, 5½ per cent on $356,300.75, viz.:		
	Geneva College	$8,544 49	
	Mrs. S. J. Steel fund for Geneva Col.	55 00	
	Theological Seminary	3,532 14	
	Students' Aid fund	893 03	
	Foreign Missions	2,674 84	
	Domestic Mission	1,738 62	
	Southern Mission	284 97	
	Chinese Home Mission	5 50	
	Indian Mission	110 00	
	Aged Ministers	708 32	
	Jas. and M. J. Carlisle fund for Aged Ministers	27 50	
	Mission in China	13 06	
	Widows and Children Dec. Min.	320 59	
	Church Erection	187 00	

	J. R. McKee fund for Widows and Children	110 00	
	J. R. McKee fund for Foreign Missions	55 00	
	Brooklyn, N. Y., Congregation	267 73	
	Iowa Presbytery fund	38 50	
	Wilkinsburg, Pa., Congregation	27 50	
	Bible Society, N. Y.	2 75	
	Balance of profits credited to contingent account	939 62	20,536 16
			$22,607 80

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

1908.		
April 30.	Rent of office	318 00
	Telephone	62 58
	P. O. stamps	35 00
	Bond of Treasurer	40 00
	Car fare of Board and Treasurer	10 78
	Stationery	6 75
	Printing	26 85
	Moving	29 50
	Typewriter repairs	2 00
	Supplies	1 25
	Salary	2,000 00

ABOVE EXPENSES DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

	Southern Mission	189 95	
	Geneva College	189 95	
	Indian Mission	189 95	
	Theological Seminary	126 64	
	Domestic Mission	126 64	
	Testimony Bearing	63 32	
	Chinese Home Mission	75 98	
	Interest account	1,570 28	
		$2,532 71	$2,532 71

CASH ACCOUNT.

1907.		
May 1.	Balance	$8,870 65
	Receipts	136,413 38
		$145,284 03
1908	Expenditures	145,245 73
May 1.	Balance	$38 30

JANE BROWN BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1907.			
July 12.	For Latakia and Tarsus Missions, one-half each		77 28
July 12.	Remitted Mr. Walter T. Miller, Treasurer	77 28	

MRS. ISABELLA TORRENS BEQUEST, N. Y.

1907.			
Dec. 23.	Syrian and Domestic Missions, one-half each		2,000 00
Dec. 16.	Legal expenses	1 75	
Jan. 13.	Remitted W. T. Miller, Treasurer		
	Syrian Mission	999 12	
	Credited Domestic Mission	999 13	
		$2,000 00	

MRS. AGNES McINROY BEQUEST, BAY CITY, MICH.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		3,000 00
1908.			
Feb. 27.	Foreign Mission endowment	$1,000 00	
	Domestic Mission endowment	500 00	
	Theological Seminary endowment	500 00	
	Southern Mission endowment	300 00	
	Chinese Home Mission endowment	300 00	
	Indian Mission current account	400 00	
		$3,000 00	

ANDREW ALEXANDER BEQUEST, FOURTH PAYMENT.

1908.			
April 30.	Sustentation Fund		2,000 00
	Foreign Mission		2,500 00
	Southern Mission		1,000 00
	Indian Mission		500 00
1908.			
April 30.	W. T. Miller, Treas	$2,500 00	
	Sustentation Fund	2,000 00	
	Southern Mission	1,000 00	
	Indian Mission	500 00	
		$6,000 00	$6,000 00

THOMAS SLATER BEQUEST, WILKINSBURG, PA.

1907.			
July 1.	Cash from W. T. Slater and W. Esler, Indian Mission		200 00
	Credited Indian Mission current account	200 00	

MRS. RACHAEL MOELLING BEQUEST, CLAY COUNTY, KAS.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		98 50
Aug. 2.	Indian Mission current account, 1907 Synod	98 50	

REV. CHAS. CLYDE HOME FUND.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,318 00
	Averaged interest one year to 5-1-08		47 33
			$1,365 33
1907.			
May 29.	Remitted Mrs. Clyde	100 00	
	1907 taxes	34 92	
	Insurance	30 00	164 92
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,200 41

REV. J. J. McCLURKIN BEQUEST, NEW ALEXANDRIA, PA.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		630 00
Aug. 2.	Domestic Mission order 1907 Synod	210 00	
	Syrian Mission	210 00	
	China Mission	210 00	
		630 00	

DONATIONS RECEIVING INTEREST DURING LIFE OF DONOR.

	Thos. Christison, Guthrie, Wis	100 00	
	Rev. R. Shields, Almonte, Can	1,400 00	
	Cash	1,850 00	
			3,350 00

ESTATE JOHN GIBSON, NEW CONCORD, O.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		1,362 06
June 22.	Payment acct. Geneva Co. Ltd. note	1,162 06	
	Reserved for S. and J. Gibson	200 00	
		$1,362 06	

DOMESTIC MISSION FUND.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		262 65

Receipts.

1908.			
April 30.	From Congregations	6,291 74	
	Rev. J. J. McClurkin, bequest	210 00	
	Mrs. Isabella Torrens, bequest	999 13	
	D. Gregg, 1908 dividend	1,803 00	
	Dividend from regular endowment	1,738 62	11,042 49
			$11,305 14

Expenditures.

1908.		
April 30.	Rochester, N. Y., Presbytery	869 12
	Colorado Presbytery	1,053 90
	Illinois Presbytery	1,285 00
	Iowa Presbytery	691 50
	Kansas Presbytery	2,037 91
	New York Presbytery	1,222 50

	N. B. and N. S. Presbytery.....	456 00	
	Pittsburg Presbytery	1,601 35	
	Ohio Presbytery	1,570 50	
	Rev. Wm. McFarland at Content, Can	242 43	
	Rev. W. McBurney at Content, Can.	315 00	
	Rev. J. M. Armour at Content, Can.	60 00	
	Rev. J. F. Crozier, East Craftsbury, Vt.	198 00	
	Rev. J. G. Reed, expenses to Board meeting	10 30	
	J. M. Shanks Co., printing.....	3 75	
	Expense for handling funds.....	126 64	11,743 90
1908. May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$438 76

INDIAN MISSION FUND.

1907. May 1.	Balance		900 91

Receipts.

	From Congregations	$2,662 74	
	W. P. M. S. Pitts. Pres., salary Rev. Carithers	1,000 00	
	W. P. M. S., Pitts. Pres., broom factory	15 00	
	Thos. Slater, bequest	200 00	
	Mrs. R. Moelling, bequest	98 50	
	Mrs. A. McInroy, bequest	400 00	
	Andrew Alexander, bequest, fourth payment	500 00	
	1908 dividend	110 00	
	Receipts as per report Rev. Carithers	1,782 69	6,768 93
			$7,669 84

Expenditures.

	Rev. Carithers, expenses of Mission	4,335 97	
	Railroad fare of workers.....	336 89	
	Paul Coleman, services at Mission..	50 00	
	O. Thompson, services at Mission..	50 00	
	Rev. Jas. McCune, services at Miss'n	25 00	
	Insurance	95 00	
	Expense for handling funds.....	189 95	
	Salaries	3,716 08	8,798 89
1908. May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$1,129 05

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

Receipts.

1908. April. 30.	From Congregations	1,180 03	
	D. Gregg, 1908 dividend.....	601 00	
	Regular endowment dividend.....	3,532 14	
			5,313 17

Expenditures.

	Railroad fare, members of Board...	109 08	
	Salaries	4,400 00	
	Expense for handling funds.....	126 64	
May 1-07.	Balance overdrawn	525 58	5,161 30
May 1-08	Balance		$151 87

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		1,116 61
	Receipts.		
	Collections for May, 1907.....		.15
			$1,116 76
	Expenditures.		
1908.			
April 30.	Book case	75 00	
	Books and magazines	29 76	
	Books bound	15 70	120 46
May 1.	Balance		$996 30

STUDENTS' AID FUND.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		424 95
1908.			
	Receipts.		
April 30.	From Congregations	645 77	
	Rev. H. G. Patterson on account note	25 00	
	1908 dividend	893 03	1,563 80
			$1,988 75
	Expenditures.		
	Rev. J. A. Black, printing.....	1 25	
	O. F. Thompson	200 00	
	E. Russell	200 00	
	H. G. McConaughy	200 00	
	D. B. Elsey	150 00	
	S. M. Morrow	120 00	
	Robert Park	200 00	
	W. A. Aikin	175 00	
	R. E. Willson	120 00	
	W. C. McClurkin	200 00	1,566 25
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		$422 50

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		4,879 20
	Receipts.		
	Rent from Park Institute		800 00
			$5,679 20

Expenditures.

	Repairs, supplies, taxes		929 01
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		4,750 19

AGED MINISTERS' FUND.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		668 00

Receipts.

	From Congregations	790 06	
	1908 dividend	708 32	
	1908 dividend Jas. and M. J. Carlisle	27 50	1,525 88
			$2,193 88

Expenditures.

	Funeral expenses Rev. R. J. Baird..	50 50	
	Rev. J. M. Armour.....	300 00	
	Rev. D. S. Faris.....	250 00	
	Rev. J. C. K. Faris.....	300 00	900 50
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		1,293 38

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN DECEASED MINISTERS.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,130 83

Receipts.

1908.			
April 30.	From Congregations	1,056 54	
	D. Gregg 1908 dividend.....	601 00	
	Regular 1908 dividend	320 59	
	1908 dividend J. R. McKee fund....	110 00	2,088 13
			$3,218 96

Expenditures.

	Paid by order Board of Control.....		1,980 00
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		1,238 96

SOUTHERN MISSION FUND.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		4,157 16

Receipts.

	From Congregations	2,869 94	
	Tuition and collections per J. G. Reed	2,284 95	
	1908 D. Gregg dividend.....	601 00	
	1908 regular dividend	284 97	
	A. Alexander bequest, 4th payment..	1,000 00	7,040 86
			$11,198 02

Expenditures.

	Traveling expenses workers	308 88	
	East Selma lots	335 00	
	Insurance	116 07	
	Expenses per J. G. Reed.....	1,854 26	
	Deficit in erecting E. Selma Bldg..	1,072 19	
	Expenses for handling funds.....	189 95	
	Salaries	5,627 46	9,503 81
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		1,694 21

EAST SELMA BUILDING FUND.

Receipts.

	From Congregations		679 19

Expenditures.

	Material and labor		1,751 38
1908.			
May 1.	Balance overdrawn, charged to Southern Mission Fund.....		1,072 19

CHINESE HOME MISSION FUND.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		1,127 77

Receipts.

	From Congregations	806 49	
	1908 D. Gregg dividend.....	601 00	
	1908 regular dividend	5 50	1,412 99
			$2,540 76

Expenditures.

	Rent	360 00	
	Salary Rev. W. C. Allen to June 1, '08	1,300 00	
	Expense for handling funds.....	75 98	1,735 98
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		$804 78

SUSTENTATION FUND.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		4,408 99

Receipts.

	Returned by Rev. D. C. Faris.....	45 00	
	1908 D. Gregg dividend.....	601 00	
	A. Alexander bequest, 4th payment.	2,000 00	
	From Congregations	121 61	2,767 61
			$7,176 60

Expenditures.

	Kansas City Congregation	400 00	
	Syracuse Congregation	500 00	
	White Lake Congregation	300 00	

	Wyman Congregation	300 00	
	West Hebron Congregation	375 00	
	Coldenham Congregation	300 00	
	Rev. W. W. Wilson	300 00	
	Barnet Congregation	297 00	
	Mercer Congregation	136 00	
	Denver Congregation	337 50	
	Los Angeles Congregation	487 50	
	Cornwallis Congregation	300 00	4,033 00
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		$3,143 60

TESTIMONY BEARING FUND.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		250 30
	Receipts.		
	From Congregations	1,570 02	
	Rev. W. J. McKnight, 9-4 to 4-13	139 43	1,709 45
			$1,959 75
	Expenditures.		
	Printing tracts	145 87	
	Postage	20 68	
	Expenses Rev. W. J. McKnight	253 15	
	Salary Rev. W. J. McKnight to 5-1-08	1,100 00	
	Expenses for handling funds	63 32	1,583 02
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		$376 73

GENEVA COLLEGE FUNDS.

Receipts.

	From Congregations	1,225 30	
	Tuition from Prof. O. Bert	577 69	
	Dormitory balance Prof. McIsaac	18 14	
	Geneva Co. Ltd., note interest credited as per order of 1907 Synod	4,011 37	
	Miss Waddell, balance musical dept	61 00	
	Dormitory, rent part	60 00	
	Chapel rent Geneva R. P. Cong.	175 00	
	Collections Dr. W. J. Johnston to 5-1-08	151 00	
	Dormitory repairs, collections	126 00	
	Interest from notes	779 73	
	1908 dividend, 5½ per cent on $155,354.33	8,544 49	
	1908 dividend, Mrs. S. J. Steel endow.	55 00	
	Tuition for year	2,926 35	
	Incidentals	123 00	
	Athletic fees	367 00	
	Laboratory fees	140 00	
	Breakage and Miss	493 93	19,835 00

Expenditures.

1908.			
April 30.	Prize of Board of Trustees	$25 00	
	Railroad fare members of Board	13 75	
	Water, fuel and light	390 67	
	Janitor's salary	552 00	
	Athletic expenses	367 00	
	Laboratory	33 43	
	Advertising	202 29	
	Printing and postage	104 24	
	Labor and repairs	1,645 34	
	Supplies	1,419 92	
	Stationery	16 50	
	Taxes on athletic field	42 43	
	Deed on athletic field	5 50	
	Interest on dormitory note	58 02	
	Boilers	980 00	
	Insurance	678 60	
	Fire escape	193 00	
	Interest on quarterly overdraft	486 00	
	Expenses for handling funds	189 95	
	Salaries, two months remaining	9,140 00	
1907	Miscellaneous	176 13	
May 1.	Balance overdrawn	9,838 03	26,557 80
1908.			
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		6,722 80

GENEVA COLLEGE LIBRARY FUND.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance		334 25

Receipts.

	From Congregations		214 90
			$549 15

Expenditures.

	Books and magazines		230 19
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		318 96

GENEVA CO. LTD. ACCOUNT.

1907.			
May 1.	Amount of note	$4,000 00	
	1907 taxes on J. Gibson property	26 00	4,026 00
	Greensburg, Pa., Church proceeds	1,692 00	
	Salem, Pa., Church proceeds	173 75	
	Est. of John Gibson, New Concord, O.	1,162 06	3,027 81
1908.			
May 1.	Balance		998 19

TEMPERANCE ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Collections		1,024 80

Expenditures.

Paid Rev. W. W. Carithers, expenses to 5-1-08		712 46
1908. May 1. Balance		$312 34

BALANCE SHEET.

Liabilities.

Total amount of endowments		$521,793 97

Sundry Accounts.

Sundries		45 30
Thos. Christison donation		100 00
Cash donation		1,850 00
Cash donation		100 00
Rev. R. Shields donation		1,400 00
Estate John Gibson		200 00
Rev. D. J. Shaw		67 92
Rev. C. Clyde Homestead fund		1,200 41
S. Carolina cemetery lot repairs		12 25
W. P. M. S. Pitts. Presbytery		200 00
Pitts. Presbytery current account		245 69
Pitts. Presbytery educational account		870 37
Pitts. Presbytery investment account		2,350 00
Pitts. Presbytery S. S .fund		19 10

Current Accounts.

Temperance account		312 34
Theological Seminary current account		151 87
Theological Seminary library account		996 30
Students' Aid account		422 50
Memorial Building account		4,750 19
Aged Ministers' account		1,293 38
Widows and Children account		1,238 96
Southern Mission account		1,694 21
Chinese Home Mission account		804 78
Sustentation fund account		3,143 60
Testimony Bearing account		376 73
Geneva College library		318 96

Asets.

David Gregg mortgage account	$156,350 00	
Regular mortgage account	339,032 19	
Real estate	40,664 46	
Office furniture	484 68	
Contingent account	84 33	
Cash account	38 30	
Domestic Mission account	438 76	
Indian Mission account	1,129 05	
Geneva College account	6,722 80	
Geneva College dormitory note account	967 00	
Chas. McIlroy Estate	47 26	
	$545,958 83	$545,958 83

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Trustees of the Synod to audit the accounts of James S. Tibby, Treasurer, would respectfully report that we have examined the accounts, mortgages and other securities, cash in bank, and find same correct as per report to 1908 Synod.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 1st, 1908.

GEORGE A. McKEE,
ROBERT J. WARD,
Auditors.

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF TREASURER, WALTER T. MILLER, FROM APRIL 1st, 1907, TO MARCH 28th, 1908.

Syrian Mission Fund.

The Receipts have been:	
From Congregations	$8,624 23
From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies	2,180 87
From Individuals and Bequests	1,682 48
From various sources, specially for Latakia	530 84
From various sources, specially for Tarsus	88 84
From various sources, specially for Cyprus	181 50
From various sources, specially for Suedia	45 30
From, through "Olive Trees," Ministers of the Ref. Pres. Church	35 00
From Young Women of the Ref. Pres. Church	104 75
From Elders of the Ref. Pres. Church	9 50
From Young Women of Second N. Y. Cong. and their friends, for Mountain Schools in Syria	317 00
From Young People of Second N. Y. Cong., on acct. salary their Missionary, Rev. Walter McCarroll	500 00
From Dr. A. R. Dray, refunding part of money remitted him for outfit, medical supplies, etc., July 12, '05	200 00
Dividend Invested Funds, through Synod's Bd. of Trustees	2,553 25
Dividend David Gregg Endowment Fund, through Synod's Board of Trustees	2,883 30
Dividend J. R. McKee Memorial Fund, through Synod's Board of Trustees	52 50
Bequest of Isabella Torrens, through Synod's Board of Trustees	999 12
Bequest of Andrew Alexander, third payment, through Synod's Board of Trustees	2,500 00
Estate of Rebecca Cameron of Rochester, N. Y., through Synod's Board of Trustees	816 54
Bequest of W. J. Dodds of Winfield, Ia., through J. B. Dodds, Executor	600 00
Total Receipts	$24,905 02

The Expenditures have been:	
For Salaries	$13,103 47
For Mission Expenses, acct. Latakia and Suedia	4,958 46
For Mission Expenses, acct. Tarsus	3,733 00
For Mission Expenses, acct. Cyprus	1,500 00
For Special Contributions, acct. Latakia	1,133 34

For Special Contributions, acct. Tarsus	103 34
For Special Contributions, acct. Cyprus	295 00
For Special Contributions, acct. Suedia	73 60
For Medical Supplies, acct. Latakia	135 42
For Medical Supplies, acct. Tarsus	238 44
For Surgical Instruments, acct. Tarsus	150 00
For Shipping Expenses	559 59
For Small Items, Semi-Centennial Addresses	125 46
For Small Items, Stationery and Cablegrams	35 95
For Outfit acct. Dr. John Peoples	160 00
For Outfit acct. Miss Elma French	160 00
For Outfit acct. Rev. S. Edgar	400 00
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. R. C. Montgomery, to Board Meetings	6 98
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. R. J. Doods and family, from Tarsus to Beaver Falls, Pa., balance in full	34 47
For Traveling Expenses, Miss Elma French from St. Louis to New York	24 50
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. Samuel Edgar and wife, from Denver to New York	138 04
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. Samuel Edgar and wife and Miss Elma French, from New York to Latakia	621 59
For Traveling Expenses, Dr. John Peoples, from Philadelphia to Latakia	411 55
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, on acct., from Suedia to New York	240 90
Total Expenditures	$28,343 10
The Excess of Expenditures over Receipts being	$3,438 08
Deducted from Credit balance of April 1st, '07, of	3,889 98
Leaves a Credit balance this date of	$451 90

Mission in China.

The Receipts have been:	
From Congregations	$2,528 46
From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies	1,096 82
From Individuals and Bequests	1,295 75
From Colorado Presbytery, salary their Missionary, Dr. Kate McBurney	600 00
From Cache Creek Mission	300 00
From Ohio Presbytery, on acct. salary their Missionary, Rev. R. A. Blair	303 34
From Third Philadelphia Cong., salary their Missionary, Dr. J. M. Wright	1,000 00
From First Philadelphia Cong., on acct. salary their Missionary, Dr. Jean McBurney	500 00
From Transfer from Harry Lanphear Memorial Fund, salary its Missionary, Rev. Julius A. Kempf	600 00
From Dividend China Mission Endowment Fund, through Synod's Board of Trustees	12 47
Proceeds of sale of three rings entrusted by the late Missionary, Jennie B. Torrence, to Dr. R. M. Sommerville, to sell and place the proceeds to credit this Fund	110 00
Total Receipts	$8,346 84

The Expenditures have been:	
For Salaries	$7,788 67
For Mission Expenses	1,450 00
For Special Contributions	349 95
For Small Items, Cablegram	7 32
For Outfit, acct. Rev. R. A. Blair	400 00
For Outfit, acct. Rev. E. C .Mitchell	160 00
For Outfit, acct. Miss Mary Lena Wilson	160 00
For Outfit, acct. Dr. Ida M. Scott	160 00
For Outfit, acct. W. M. Robb	200 00
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. R. C. Montgomery, to Board Meetings	6 98
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. R. A. Blair and wife, from Utica, O., to Hong Kong	425 76
For Traveling Expenses, Dr. Ida Scott, from Beaver Falls, Pa., to Hong Kong	300 00
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. A. I. Robb, from Hong Kong to Seattle and return	283 75
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. W. M. Robb and wife, from New York to Hong Kong	462 50
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. E. C. Mitchell, from Rushsylvania, O., to Hong Kong	243 75
For Traveling Expenses, Miss Mary Lena Wilson, from New Concord, O., to Hong Kong	243 75
For Traveling Expenses, Mrs. A. L. Robb, from Seattle to Hong Kong	168 75
For Traveling Expenses, on acct. Dr. J. M. Wright and family and Rev. J. K. Robb and family, from Tak Hing Chau to Seattle, Wash	1,000 00
Total Expenditures	$13,811 18
The Excess of Expenditures over Receipts being	$5,464 34
Deducted from Credit balance of April 1st, '07, of	10,045 71
Leaves a Credit balance this date of	$4,581 37

The Syrian Hospital Fund.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod		$2,728 93
1908.			
May 5.	By Cash, contributions received to date from Congregations, Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies and Individuals for general purposes of Hospital		343 10
	By Cash for support of beds		385 00
	By Interest earned to date		84 00

Dr.

1907.			
Oct. 4.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. for Demand Sterling Bill	$250 00	
Nov. 19.	To Cash paid Montgomery, Ward & Co. for Surgical Instruments	30 55	

1908.			
April 8.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. for Demand Sterling Bill for £51, 5, 1	250 00	
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	3,010 48	
		$3,541 03	$3,541 03

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$3,010 48

Building Fund, Larnaca.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		14 50

Dr.

1908.			
May 5.	To Balance brought down.....	14 50	
		$14 50	$14 50

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$14 50

Tarsus Building Fund.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$3,446 40
1908.			
May 5.	By Cash, contributions received to date from Congregations.....		10 10
	From S. S. and Miss'y Societies....		329 70
	From Individuals		26 00
	By Cash, Interest earned to date....		75 00

Dr.

1907.			
Oct. 25.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. for Demand Sterling Bill, £206, 8.....	$1,000 00	
Oct. 29.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. for Demand Sterling Bills, say £206, 3, 9	1,000 00	
1908.			
May 5.	Balance carried down	1,887 20	
		$3,887 20	$3,887 20

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$1,887 20

Tarsus-Mersine Hospital Fund.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod..		$371 77

Dr.

1908.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$371 77	
		$371 77	$371 77

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$371 77

Maggie B. Edgar Cemetery Fence Account.

Cr.

1908.			
Jan. 18.	By Cash from Miss Emily L. Orr of Greely, Col.....		$5 00
Jan. 25.	By Cash from Cedarville Covenanter Mission Band		5 00
Feb. 17.	By Cash from S. S. of La Junta Cong.		10 00
Mch. 11.	By Cash from L. M. S. of Miller's Run Cong.		15 00

Dr.

1908.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$35 00	
		$35 00	$35 00

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$35 00

Building Fund, Mission in China.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$2,728 73
1908.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date.....		81 86

Dr.

1908.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$2,810 59	
		$2,810 59	$2,810 59

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$2,810 59

Building Fund, Hospital in China.

Dr.

1907.			
May 5.	To Balance as reported to Synod....	947 55	
1908.			
May 4.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. for part Letter of Credit No. 704 for $1,500, sent to J. K. Robb, Treasurer, Jan. 9, '08, to liquidate debit balance this account in his books	1,227 25	

Cr.

1907.			
Sept. 23.	By Transfer from Dr. J. Maude George Hospital account, as directed by Board		$561 35
1907.			
Nov. 6.	By Cash from Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Houston of New York, for the endowment of a bed in the Hospital to be known as their Memorial of their daughter, "Little Blanche Houston"		150 00
1908.			
May 5.	Balance carried down		1,463 45
		$2,174 80	$2,174 80

Dr.

1908.			
May 5.	To Balance brought down.....	$1,463 45	

Dr. J. Maude George Hospital Account.

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$561 35
Dec. 5	By Cash from Mrs. L. E. Frazer and Frank D. Frazer of Seattle Cong., specially for Medical Work in China		100 00
1908.			
Feb. 20.	By Cash from Miss Zada Patton of Latakia		5 00
May 5.	By Interest earned to date.....		9 50

Dr.

1907.			
Sept. 23.	To Transfer to Building Fund acct. for Hospital in China.....	$561 35	
1908.			
May 5.	Balance carried down	114 50	
		$675 85	$675 85

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$114 50

New Station in China of Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$544 30
Dec. 1.	By Interest earned to date.....		9 70

Dr.

1907.			
Dec. 4.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. for Letter of Credit No. 700.....	$554 00	
		$554 00	$554 00

Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$5,304 50
1908.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date.....		159 14

Dr.

1908.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$5,463 64	
		$5,463 64	$5,463 64

Cr.

1908.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$5,463 64

New Station in China Fund.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$8,074 40
1908.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date.....		214 65

Dr.

1907.			
Nov. 6	To Cash paid Brown Bros. for Letter of Credit No. 698.....	$1,000 00	
Dec. 17.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. for Letter of Credit No. 703.....	1,000 00	
1908.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	6,289 05	
		$8,289 05	$8,289 05

Cr.

1908.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$6,289 05

Discretionary Account of Treasurer.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$50 07
June 3.	By Cash from L. M. S. Sterling Cong.		20 00

Dr.

1908.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$70 07	
		$70 07	$70 07

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$70 07

Hospital in China, Dispensary Account.

Dr.

1907.			
May 5.	To Balance as reported to Synod....	$294 95	

Cr.

1907.			
July 13.	By Cash, Thankoffering of Women's Miss'y Society of Pitts. Presby.		$15 75
1908.			
May 5.	By Balance carried down.....		279 20
		$294 95	$294 95

Dr.

1908.			
May 5.	To Balance brought down.....	$279 20	

Martha Cunningham Memorial Fund.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$46 08

Dr.

1908.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$46 08	
		$46 08	$46 08

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$46 08

Lanphear Memorial Fund.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$4,821 00
1907.			
Aug. 15.	By Cash from Mrs. Harry Lanphear of Blanchard, Ia., conditions and terms same as those covering contributions of June 8, 1905.....		600 00
1908.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date.....		153 00

	Dr.		
1907.			
Sept. 23	To Transfer to Mission in China Fund, half year's salary Rev. Julius A. Kempf	$300 00	
1908.			
Mch. 28.	To Transfer to Mission in China Fund, half year's salary Rev. Julius A. Kempf	300 00	
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	4,974 00	
		$5,574 00	$5,574 00
	Cr.		
1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$4,974 00

David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund.

	Cr.		
1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$1,470 65
1908.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date.....		44 12
	Dr.		
1908.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$1,514 77	
		$1,514 77	$1,514 77
	Cr.		
1908.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$1,514 77

Semi-Centennial Memorial Fund.

	Cr.		
1908.			
May 5.	By Cash contributions received to date:		
	From Congregations		$788 60
	From S. S. and Missionary Societies		1,617 91
	From Individuals		4,511 18
	From Young Men's League of Brooklyn Cong., for Medical Mission Work in Cyprus		508 00
	From various sources, specially for Syrian Mission		212 50
	For Mission in China		380 50
	For Mersine		5 00
	For Suedia		35 00
	For Philadelphia Jewish Mission...		25 00
	To be used at Board's discretion in field where most needed.....		180 00
	Dr.		
1908.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$8,263 69	
		$8,263 69	$8,263 69

Cr.

1908.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$8,263 69

Church Erection Fund.

Cr.

1907.		
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....	$5,833 41
1908.		
May 5.	By Cash contributions to date:	
	From Congregations	923 63
	From S. S. and Missionary Societies	24 05
	From Individuals	138 26
	By Cash from Trustees of Synod, dividend on invested funds.....	187 00
	Dividend D. Gregg Endowment Fund	601 00

Dr.

1907.			
June 12.	To Cash, paid appropriation to Los Angeles Cong.	$1,000 00	
1908.			
Jan. 17.	To Cash, paid appropriation to Greely Congregation	500 00	
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	6,207 35	
		$7,707 35	$7,707 35

Cr.

1908.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$6,207 35

New York, May 5th, 1908.

WALTER T. MILLER, Treasurer.

The above accounts have been Audited and found correct.

HENRY O'NEILL,
ALEXANDER ADAMS,
Committee.

Report of James S. Tibby, Treasurer Literary Fund.

Receipts.

On hand May 1st, 1907.....	$1,293 97	
Contributions from Individuals	10 01	
Contributions from Sabbath Schools.....	13 09	
Contributions from Congregations	434 04	
Sale of Testimonies and Books of Discipline..	21 80	
Sale of Psalm Books	710 18	
Sale of Psalm Selections	30 18	
Sale of Old Minutes	50	
Sale of 1907 Minutes	294 35	
Sale of Miss. Books	2 24	
Sale of Young People's Topic Cards.....	17 96	
		$2,828 32

Expenditures.

Printing Order of Business 1907 Synod.....	2 25	
Printing Annual Report of Synod's Board....	12 50	
Insurance on Plates in New York.....	20 16	
Postage and Freight on 1907 Minutes.....	30 99	
Printing 1907 Minutes	298 50	
Printing 1,000 Double Psalters and 500 Long Primer	450 00	
Rent of Box in Allegheny Safe Deposit Co....	5 00	
Advertisement in Olive Trees for 1907.....	6 00	
Advertisement in R. P. Standard for 1907.....	6 00	
Wrapping Paper	1 55	
Apportionment Presbyterian Alliance 1907....	40 00	
Binding Psalters	277 01	
Postage, Expressage and Freight on Books..	94 55	
Miscellaneous	3 00	
Balance on hand May 1st, 1908.....	1,580 81	
		$2,828 32

The supply of Book of Discipline, Minion new version and Long Primer new version Psalm Books is exhausted. I await your instructions as to ordering a new edition of each.

JAMES S. TIBBY, **Treasurer.**

The above statement has been compared with the books, which have been audited and found correct.

GEORGE A. McKEE,
ROBERT J. WARD.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 1st, 1908.

Printing and Sale of 1907 Minutes.

The Treasurer of the Literary Fund would report that there were 1,000 copies of the Minutes of 1907 printed.

Expense for Printing.....	$298 50	
Freight and Postage	30 99	
	$329 49	
Copies sold, 841	294 35	
Copies free 22		
863		
Deficit	$35 14	

JAMES S. TIBBY, **Treasurer.**

Report of S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer of Jewish Mission Board.

May 1st, 1907, to April 30th, 1908.

Dr.

Balance reported to last Synod.....	972 61
Congregations, Receipts from	1,425 33
Sabbath Schools and Societies	402 36
Individuals	147 53
Special Contribution	25 00

Second (2nd) Dividend (.19607 per cent) from "City Trust"	34 65	
Interest on Deposit	14 40	
		$3,021 88

Cr.

Salaries:			
Mr. E. J. Feuersohn to 5-1-1908	$917 50		
Miss Mary F. Bell to 5-1-1908	480 00		
Mr. W. H. Henderson to 5-1-'08	26 00	$1,423 50	
Medical Department		24 87	
Sewing School		20 13	
Repairs to Mission Building		39 50	
General Expenses		286 32	
Balance on hand		1,227 56	$3,021 38

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. S. METHENY, **Treasurer.**

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing account is a condensed statement taken from the itemized account in the book of the Treasurer, which we have examined and found correct.

J. C. McFEETERS,
WILLIAM G. CARSON,
Auditors.

Philadelphia, Pa., May, 1908.

Report of Financial Agent for National Reform.

Receipts.

Balance May 1st, 1907	$1,099 04	
Collected by T. P. Stevenson	400 50	
Collected by H. H. George	202 24	
Collected by J. M. Wylie	94 63	
Collected by E. A. Crooks	1,188 81	
Collected by J. R. Dill	1,090 71	
Collected by J. M. Foster	157 76	
Collected by J. S. Martin for Winona National Reform Building	1,183 76	
Sent direct to Treasurer by individuals, societies and congregations	3,554 09	$8,971 54

Expenditures.

Rent of office	300 00	
Rent of telephone	20 65	
Salary of office clerk	300 00	
Salaries and expenses of Secretaries	4,430 94	
Printing National Reform Literature, including the Christian Statesman	2,263 84	
Postage, expressage, etc	201 22	
Miscellaneous expenses	278 79	
Winona National Reform Building	1,183 76	$8,979 20
Balance overdrawn April 30th, 1908		$7 66

R. C. WYLIE, **Financial Agent.**

We have compared the above report with the Treasurer's books, which have been audited and found correct by the undersigned auditing Committee.

WILLIAM C. LILLEY,
JAMES S. TIBBY,
Committee.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 20th, 1908.

Aged People's Home, Treasurer's Report, 1907-1908.

Receipts.

Balance March 1st, 1907		$3,074 54
Wardrobe Committee Room	24 00	
Thank Offering Room	40 00	
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Morton, Per. Mem. Room	250 00	
Jane Lindsay Room	6 00	
Margaret McCormack (Estate)	228 50	
Sarah Harmon	352 34	
Managers' Contingent Fund	18 47	
Congregational Collections	565 04	
Aiton Per. Mem. Room	16 00	
Mortgage Fund	20,000 00	
Interest	373 00	
Mrs. John H. Ward, Per. Mem. Room	250 00	
Membership Dues	209 00	
Mrs. Jane McNaugher, Per. Mem. Room	150 00	
McIntosh, Per. Mem. Room	150 00	
Building Fund	124 00	
Admission Fees	600 00	
Boarding	160 00	
Current account, Porterfield Bequest	11,814 47	
Sundries	1,250 42	36,581 24
		$39,655 78

Expenditures.

Gregg Room	61 25	
Eda S. E. McKee Room	9 90	
Miss Dryden	21 00	
Davidson Room	5 20	
Elizabeth Wylie Room	98 80	
Interest to Members	147 74	
Managers' Contingent Fund	17 42	
Aiton Room	120 30	
Interest	478 30	
Ward Room	84 70	
Building Fund	16,377 65	
House Expense	1,343 10	
Salary	504 57	
Current account, mortgage paid	15,000 00	
Sundries	2,429 40	$36,699 33
Balance Febuary 28th, 1908		2,956 45
		$39,655 78

ANNETTE G. WALLACE, Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it true and correct as shown by the records for the year from March 1st, 1907, to March 1st, 1908.

(Signed)
ROBT. A. M. STEELE,
T. S. TRUMBULL.

BALANCE SHEET

Showing the condition of the different funds, the balance on hand or amount overdrawn.

Name.	Overdrawn.	Balance.
Students' Aid		$422 50
Aged Ministers and Widows and Children		2,532 34
Aged People's Home		2,956 45
Theological Seminary		1,148 17
Jewish Mission		1,227 56
Southern Mission		1,694 21
Indian Mission	1,129 05	
Domestic Mission		2,704 84
Chinese Home Mission		804 78
National Reform	1,183 76	
Temperance		312 34
Syrian Mission		451 90
Mission in China		4,581 37
Testimony Bearing		376 73
Geneva College	6,403 84	
Church Erection		6,207 35
Totals	$8,716 65	$25,420 54

The Clerk cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for William Blair as his own successor, Oliver Wylie as the successor of A. B. Copeland, and John M. Allen as the successor of A. C. Coulter, on Synod's Board of Trustees, for three years ending June 15th, 1911.

R. J. Gault and J. G. Reed were excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that a deficit of $14.19 in the Traveling Fund by error, developed since the report was adopted, be paid out of the Literary Fund, and charged to the Traveling Fund next year.

Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M. Prayer by Robert Clarke.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday, June 2nd, 7:30 P. M. Synod met and was led in prayer by J. K. Robb. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

A fraternal letter from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to be replied to after the adjournment of Synod.

The Committee to confer with the Professor-elect to the Seminary reported. The report was receive, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE PROFESSOR-ELECT TO THE SEMINARY.

The Committee to confer with Dr. Wylie, professor-elect in the Seminary, would respectfully report:

Your Committee met with Dr. Wylie and had a full and free conference. In a matter of such importance, in which his family and congregation as well as himself are deeply interested, he felt that in justice to all he could not come to an immediate decision, and requested that a short time be granted for conference before giving his answer.

Your Committee recommend that he be allowed a month to consider the matter, at the end of which time he shall report to your Committee, which in turn shall communicate his decision at once to the Board of Superintendents.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SPROULL,
A. KILPATRICK,
T. H. ACHESON.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that Synod expresses sincere thanks to the Philadelphia Congregations, and their pastors, for the cordial welcome and hospitality extended to Synod; for the reception at Belmont Mansion by the James Renwick Association of the Third Church; for the reception extended to Synod by our Moderator and his gracious wife; and to all the railroads that were able to give reduced rates.

John Yates was appointed the Moderator's alternate, to preach the sermon at the opening of the next Synod.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

There can be no true spirit of liberality or true prosperity in the Church unless created by the Holy Spirit. Every grace of the Christian character is born of the Spirit. No such spirit of beneficence has at any time since characterized the Church as on the day of Pentecost. This was the world's high water mark of Christian liberality. "All that believed were together, and had all things common, and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all as every man had need, neither was there among them any that lacked." Their faith was so strong, their love was so intense, that they were ready to give all they possessed to supply the pressing demand.

During the past twenty-six years our Church has learned new lessons in liberality. She has given with a readiness and cheerfulness unknown except among the few in the past. The emphasis that has been put upon the Bible law of the tithe, in all our twenty-six annual

reports, has doubtless had much to do in raising the standard of liberality. Yet still the operations of the Church in every department are embarrassed by inadequate contributions. The demands of the hour can be met only by a Pentecostal liberality.

Surely the time has come for us to consider the moral obligation of the tithe as a settled question. Leaving this principle of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection. Is it not time that we give greater honor to the Spirit, as the agent who not only sends forth, but provides for the support of missionaries? It was the Holy Spirit who said: "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Selucia, and from thence they sailed to Cyprus." If no man taketh this honor unto himself but he that is called of God; if no man goeth a warfare at any time, at his own charges, surely it is time that we give greater emphasis to the Spirit as the indispensable agent to inspire liberality. Men lean to those whom they trust; teach them strong faith in the Lord, and they will lean to the Lord. Men give to those whom they love; teach them strong love to Jesus, and they will give to Jesus. But faith and love are the fruits of the Spirit. Let us use the means to secure a Pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost, and we will have a Pentecostal liberality.

Therefore we present the following recommendations for adoption:

1. That pastors and Sabbath School teachers give greater emphasis to the work of the Holy Spirit in creating a spirit of liberality.

2. That our whole Church be urged to more earnest prayer for securing a Pentecostal liberality.

3. That in order to secure such liberality we should obey the Bible teaching of the Spirit in the matter of systematic beneficence.

M. A. GAULT,
J. R. WYLIE,
J. A. TORRENS,
THOMAS McCLOSKY.

The Committee on Nominations made their final report. The report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations respectfully reports the following:

Delegate to the Christian Reformed Church—R. J. G. McKnight.

Committee to prepare resolutions relative to the reading of the Bible in the schools of Illinois—D. S. Faris and Robert Clarke.

Representatives to meet with representatives from other Churches to consider the formation of a National Rest Day Association—J. W. Sproull, R. C. Wylie, Jas. A. McAteer and Wm. Blair.

To fill vacancy on Jewish Mission Board—W. C. McLeod and T. H. McCandless.

To fill vacancy on Committee on Temperance—J. S. McGaw and M. M. Pearce.

Committee to arrange program for celebration at the next meeting of Synod of the 100th anniversary of the organization of this Synod, together with the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin—R. J. George, J. A. Black and J. C. McCandless.

Committee to make selection for new edition of the Psalter—W. J. Coleman, T. P. Stevenson, J. W. Sproull, T. H. Acheson, W. J. Mc-

Knight, T. C. Sproull, J. A. Black, J. B. Gilmore, R. M. Downie and C. D. Trumbull.

Committee on Music for the Psalter—R. C. Wylie, W. J. Coleman, S. A. S. Metheny, R. A. M. Steel and Edwin L. Dodds.

Committee to report a plan to reduce the expenses of the meetings of Synod—G. W. Benn, Thomas McFall, R. C. Montgomery, John Yates, J. S. Tibby, W. J. Sanderson, S. J. Johnston, J. S. McGaw, W. T. K. Thompson and G. N. Grier.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. TRUMBULL,
F. M. WILSON,
M. M. PEARCE,
S. O. STERRETT.

The Committe on Railroad Rates of last year was continued.

It was resolved that a conference on Temperance be held on some evening during the next meeting of Synod. The matter of arranging for this was referred to the permanent Committee on Temperance.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the Moderator be instructed to prepare and send to the Rev. Dr. D. B. Wilson a letter expressing the deep and fervent sympathy of the Synod with him in his bodily weakenss and affliction, our fervent desire for his complete recovery, our appreciation of the steady and most valuable services which he has rendered to the Church for nearly one-third of a century, and our prayers for the blessing of God upon him and his.

The special Committee on the reading of the Bible in the schools of Illinois reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON READING THE BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS.

The Committee to prepare a request to the authorities who have charge of the administration of the public schools of the State of Illinois would report the following petition, and recommend that the request be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, and a copy addressed to the Commissioner of Education, and a second to His Excellency Charles Deneen, Governor of the State of Illinois.

(Signed) D. S. FARIS,
ROBERT CLARKE.

Petition.

To the Commissioner of Education of the State of Illinois:

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, having a number of Congregations in the State of Illinois, earnestly requests the school authorities of the State to see that the law requiring the reading of the Bible in the public schools of the State be faithfully administered.

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection reported. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION AND CHURCH ERECTION.

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection respectfully report:

The reports of the Boards and a recommendation from the Illinois Presbytery have been referred to us.

1. **Sustenation.**—The report of the Board shows that certain pastors who had been receiving aid from the Sustenation Fund had received no aid for the months of May and June, 1907, because the end of the year under the Sustenation was April 30th, and the beginning of the year under the Home Mission Board was July 1st. The Board recommends that the five Congregations thus affected by the transfer from the Sustenation Board to the Home Mission Board receive one-sixth of the amount received for the year ending April 30th, 1907.

2. **Church Erection.**—In this report the following items should be noted: The construction of the Sabbath School room of the new church at Greely, Colorado, free from debt, with aid from the Board to the amount of five hundred dollars, and the expectation to soon erect the main building, and the gift of two lots in Denver by John Parkhill to the Greely Congregation, which they propose to sell and apply the proceeds to the erection of the main building; the canvassing of funds for and the building of a church at Santa Ana; a substantial balance in the treasury, but with intimations from several Congregations that the erection of churches was under consideration; the expiration of the terms of R. M. Sommerville, F. M. Foster and Henry O'Neil.

3. **Recommendation from Illinois Presbytery** that Old Bethel be recommended to the Board of Church Erection for an amount not less than thirty per cent of what they themselves shall raise for the erection of their new church building.

We recommend the following:

1. That the faithful work of both the Boards be commended.
2. That the recommendation of the Sustentation Board relative to the five Congregations be approved.
3. That the recommendation pertaining to aid for Old Bethel Congregation be referred to the Board of Church Erection.
4. That the full appropriation of $4,000 for Church Erection be raised.
5. That R. M. Sommerville, F. M. Foster and Henry O'Neil be elected to fill the vacancies made by the expiration of their terms of office.
5. That J. C. Slater be added to the Board of Church Erection.

Respectfully submitted,

C. McLEOD SMITH,
R. C. REED,
J. M. JOHNSTON,
JOHN G. DODDS,
J. REN. LEE.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report:

That certain pastors who had been receiving aid from the Sus-

tentation Fund brought to the attention of the Board the fact that they have received no aid for the months of May and June, 1907, because the end of the year under the Sustentation Board was April 30th, and the beginning of the year under the Home Mission Board was July 1st.

The Board of Sustentation, taking account of this fact, decided to give to each pastor who had failed of aid because of the transfer from the Sustentation to the Home Mission Fund one-sixth the amount received for the year ending April 30th, 1907.

Five Congregations have made application for the amount due for these two months, which we hereby recommend be paid them from the Sustentation Fund. These amounts are as follows:

Barnet, $58.33; Mercer, $30.65; Rehoboth, Ia., $60.00; Syracuse, $83.33; White Lake, $25.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SPROULL, **Chairman.**

W. J. COLEMAN, **Secretary.**

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

The Board of Church Erection would respectfully report:

That the business entrusted to the Board has been carried forward with care, and with desire to advance God's glory and aid His cause in the earth. Not much has been done in the way of church building during the year; and what has been done, so far as your Board has been asked to assist, has been in Colorado Presbytery.

Greely.

As intimated in report last year, the Greely Congregation, the Rev. J. Milligan Wylie the efficient pastor, took steps early last fall to prepare a permanent habitation. Selling lots which they had at the first selected, they purchased others better located and more suitable for the work. The lots are 95 by 140, being sufficiently large to allow for a manse should the Congregation wish at some future time to erect one. The Congregation paid for these lots, the amount being $1,250.00.

Plans were presently prepared for the Sabbath School part of the Church, the Congregation intending to erect and occupy for a few years this as the Church—a method of Church erection your Board commends.

Submitting the plans, as directed by Synod, to your Board, they received the favorable judgment of the Board on the undertaking.

The Sabbath School part is 24 by 42, with eight foot basement, and will be joined to the auditorium by approved methods.

Including lots, the Sabbath School part of the building, furnished, will cost about $3,335.00. Toward this, with only 49 contributing members, the Congregation paid $1,250.00 for the lots, and raised within themselves also $2,085.00 for the building. They collected outside $342.00. Your Board made an appropriation of $500.00 to this part of the work.

The Greely Congregation promises soon to outgrow the Sabbath School room, and it is possible there will be need for the main building in the near future. The Congregation has recently received a gift of two lots in Denver, which they propose to sell and apply the proceeds on the main church building, once they begin that work. Greely is a growing town of about 8,000 inhabitants.

Santa Ana.

This Congregation, under the earnest leadership of Rev. George N. Grier, pastor, is located in Santa Ana, an enterprising town about thirty miles from Los Angeles. For the most part, since our denomination began work in Santa Ana, the Congregation has been using rented church buildings, and which were unsuitable for the work.

Last May they began canvassing for money to erect a church. The Cangregation bought lots, and raised withon themselves $500.00 for these lots. They also subscribed $1,300.00 towards the building. The church, when completed and furnished, will cost about $8,000.00. The auditorium will seat 150, and the Sabbath School room 90. The two rooms can be thrown together.

The building is a frame structure, with artificial stones up to window sills, the remaining portion to be plaster—a style of building believed to be most suitable to that climate. Mr. Grier canvassed last summer and is canvassing this year for funds, and is meeting with encouragement.

The Congregation applied to your Board for $2,000.00, and the Colorado Presbytery passed a resolution recommending the Santa Ana Congregation for this amount.

Your Board will take action on this application at early meeting after Synod. Santa Ana is a growing town of perhaps 10,000 inhabitants. It is in a rich country. The outlook is favorable for a strong Congregation in a few years.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Walter T. Miller, shows the following encouraging figures:

Balance as reported to last Synod	$5,833 41
From all sources during the year	1,873 94
Credit total	$7,707 35
Disbursements:	
To Los Angeles Congregation, June 12, 1907	$1,000 00
To Greely Congregation, January 17, 1908	500 00
Total disbursements	$1,500 00
Credit balance	$6,207 35

Against this, however, is the application for Santa Ana for $2,000.00. Also intimations from other Congregations have been received to the effect that the erection of church is under consideration.

The time for which R. M. Sommerville, Henry O'Neil and F. M. Foster were elected has expired, and their places should be filled.

The Board asks that the usual appropriation for this work be made for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FOSTER, **Secretary.**

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported a letter to the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Scotland, which was ordered signed by the officers of this Court, and forwarded.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Evangelistic Work—M. M. Pearce, J. Renwick, Wylie, W. J. Sanderson, James A. McAteer, J. R. Kennedy.

Secret Societies—J. S. McGaw, J. M. Johnston, G. M. Robb, Thomas Nelson, R. M. Wallace.

Psalmody—J. B. Gilmore, C. M. Smith, Isaiah Faris, J. E. Wilson, S. O. Carson.

Signs of the Times—W. P. Johnston, J. W. F. Carlisle, R. C. Reed, D. P. White, F. W. Campbell.

State of Religion—E. L. McKnight, H. G. Patterson, E. M. Elsey, A. J. Harding, R. S. Bowes.

Young People's Societies—D. H. Elliott, G. R. Steele, W. O. Ferguson, T. Sproull Trumbull, Stewart Casey.

Sabbath—F. M. Wilson, T. C. Sproull, S. J. Crowe, J. A. Russel, W. S. Moore.

Sabbath Schools—T. H. Acheson, R. Hargrave, J. C. French, A. B. Copeland, J. R. W. Duguid.

Systematic Beneficence—J. H. Pritchard, W. J. McKnight, F. M. Foster, James Carson, W. R. Turner.

Devotional Exercises—R. C. Wylie, A. A. Sanson, E. A. Crooks, J. A. Forsyth, J. M. Copeland.

Order of Business—Robert Clarke, J. A. Black, Edwin L. Dodds.

Unfinished Business—Clerks of Synod.

The Special Committee on Inter-Church Conference on Federation reported. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTER-CHURCH CONFERENCE ON FEDERATION.

The paper put in our hands is an official communication from the Inter-Church Conference on Federation, in which Synod is asked to examine the plan of Federation adopted at the Conference of 1905, and in the event of approval or ratification to appoint delegates to the Federal Council. We recommend the following action:

While we heartily approve of some of the objects of the Federal Council, namely, a fuller recognition of existing Christian untiy, the value of maintaining fellowship with pious men of every denomination, and the importance of combined forces in contending against prevailing evils in society, such as intemperance, divorce and disloyalty to the Mediator in civil affairs, we believe that Synod could not become a constituent part of the Federation of Churches without giving up its Terms of Ecclesiastical Communion. At the Conference of the Federal Council an uninspired psalmody is used in the Service of Song, and the Council, though an institution of human device and not of divine authority, claims the right to advise and recommend courses of action to Churches and individual Christians, that being the exclusive prerogative of Church judicatories.

We regret that under the circumstances we do not feel at liberty to enter into this Federation, but earnestly unite with the Executive

Committee in the prayer that all Christian denominations, speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ.

R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
D. H. ELLIOTT,
W. R. MARVIN.

Item 18 of Unfinished Bsiness was taken from the table. The following corrections were made to the Minutes of 1907:

Page 18, line 6, read "Col. Pres." instead of "Ohio Pres."

Page 40, line 7 from bottom, instead of "balance overdrawn," read "balance on hand."

Page 6, instead of "R. J. Dodds" in second instance, read "R. J. George."

E. M. Elsey reported in attendance should be reported not in attendance.

Add name of J. T. Wilson to roll of members of Colorado Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Item 1. Committee to classify Congregations receiving aid from Synod. Item 2 of last year's report on Unfinished Business. Minutes of Synod, page 8.—E. A. Crooks.

Item 2. Committee to prepare new Statistical Blanks for Presbyteries. Page 22.—Central Board of Missions.

Item 3. Report of Committee on State of Religion laid over from last year. Page 24.—J. M. Wylie.

Item 4. Publication and distribution of addresses delivered in connection with the Semi-Centennial services of our Foreign Mission. Page 30.—R. M. Sommerville.

Item 5. Committee to prepare program for Conference on Foreign Missions. Page 30.—Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 6. Committee to prepare new Blanks and Rules for Congregations asking aid from Synod. Item 3 of report of Mission Conference last year. Page 47.—J. W. Sproull.

Item 7. Treasurer to prepare Revised Topic Cards. Item 6 of report of Committee on Young People's Societies last year. Page 50.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 8. National Inter-Church Temperance Conference. Page 68.—W. W. Carithers.

Item 9. Memorial of Students of Theological Seminary, laid over from last year. Page 68.—D. C. Mathews.

Item 10. Enlarged edition of Psalms Selections. Page 77.—G. M. Robb.

Item 11. Systematic Beneficence report of last year to be printed in tract form. Page 77.—Clerk.

Item 12. Letters of sympathy to be drafted and sent to W. W. Wilson, T. H. Acheson and W. M. George. Page 77.—Jas. McCune.

Item 13. Item 2 of report of Committee on Discipline, laid over from last year. Page 78.

Item 14. Items 1 and 11 of report of Committee on Finance. Pages 84 and 85.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 15. Item 12 of report of Committee on Finance. Publishing of Minutes of Synod.—Clerk.

Item 16. Report of Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms.—W. J. Coleman.

Item 17. Committee to prepare Sliding Scale for Congregations receiving aid.—E. A. Crooks.

Item 18. Corrections to Minutes of 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY,
S. McNAUGHER.

NECROLOGICAL REPORTS.

The following reports were received and adopted:

MINUTE ON THE DEATH OF DR. McALLISTER.

Among the ministers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America none ranked higher than David McAllister, D. D., LL. D. His natural abilities, combined with extensive reading and the cultivation of his talents, lifted him into this position of recognized leadership. To his early experience as a practical printer may be traced the regular habits of work that distinguished him as a student during his college course and after his licensure in the spring of 1863. This also gave form to his ministry of the Gospel after his ordination December 16th, 1863, and to his pastoral services in Walton, N. Y., for sixteen years, and in Pittsburg, Pa., for twenty years, beginning with 1887, as well as to the activities of a busy public life during a period of at least forty years.

Dr. McAllister possessed a most charming personality, unselfish, pure and loving in home and social relationships. As a minister of the word he preached a full Christ, presenting the truth concerning Him in such an attractive way as to compel attention and thus influence hearts and lives in favor of greater devotedness. As an advocate of the National Reform Movement, in which he was a leading figure, he revealed logical powers of the highest order, and was always careful to lay emphasis on the principles underlying the question under discussion. He had scarcely an equal in the field of political philosophy, and was a true statesman, well acquainted, on the confession of eminent lawyers, with the facts and principles of jurisprudence, as these are embodied in the laws and court decisions in American history, one of them exclaiming at the close of a public discussion, using a profane word, "He ought to be on the supreme bench."

Dr. McAllister was a manly man, and in his sudden death on June 13th, 1907, was like the fall of a mighty tree in the forest. His presence is missed, but the memory of his efficient service will long linger as a helpful influence among us.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
T. H. ACHESON,
A. B. COPELAND.

MINUTE ON DEATH OF REV. J. I. FRAZER.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of the Rev. J. I. Frazer submits the following:

James Inglis Frazer was born September 1st, 1836; received his classical education at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa.; studied theology in the Seminaries of the Associate Church at Canonsburg, Pa., and Xenia, Ohio; was ordained to the ministry in the United Presbyterian Church in 1861; was received into the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church by the Presbytery of Colorado, May 29th, 1905; and departed this life June 13th, 1907.

Owing to the infirmities of health Mr. Frazer did not seek for a settlement in our Church, and never appeared on the floor of Synod. He was, however, well known to some of our ministers and people, and by all who knew him was held in high esteem. Mr. Frazer's influence is due to his pre-eminence in the higher and rarer virtues, rather than to the possession of brilliant popular gifts. He was a man of high resolve, of steadfast purpose and of an unaffected and dominant piety. The fact that he changed his Church relation was no evidence of an unstable mind. The change was in the Church, not in himself. He resisted with all his powers what he regarded as its downward course, with heroic courage and fidelity. Refusing to drift with the current, he was left standing alone. He could not at that time enter our Church, because he was too conscientious to make a profession which he did not fully believe. But he would not remain idle. From his own private resources he erected a chapel by the side of his home, and gathering into it the children of the neighborhood, with the aid of his estimable wife, he taught them the Holy Scriptures. With his family he worshipped regularly with our Congregation in Seattle, and as soon as his way was clear united with our Church. Touched by the spiritual destitution among the foreigners arriving on our shores, he donated one thousand dollars to supply them with Bibles.

The crowning grace of Mr. Frazer's character was reverence. It manifested itself in his regard for the sacredness of everything whereby God maketh Himself known. All irreverent use of the Word of God, and all infringement upon the holiness of the Sabbath, especially by God's own people, aroused in him the passion of holy indignation. And he loved Zion, the city of our holy solemnities. "The Lord shall count when he writeth up the people that this man was born there."

In purity of character Mr. Frazer was more than translucent, he was transparent. He was "an Israelite indeed, in whom was no guile." His call home came suddenly, as was befitting. To one who lives so near to God the translation from earth to heaven is an easy step. "He was not, for God took him."

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. GEORGE,
W. P. JOHNSTON,
JOHN G. DODDS.

MINUTE ON THE DEATH OF THE REV. W. W. WILSON.

Rev. William Walter Wilson died at Cimeron, Kansas, August 11th, 1907, at the age of 31 years. He was a graduate of Muskingum College in the class of 1902, and of Allegheny R. P. Seminary in the class of 1905. He was ordained and installed as pastor of the Topeka Congregation September 25th, 1905. His illness was prolonged, and his physical strength gradually gave way, but his patience continued until the end, and his faith in Christ sustained him at all times.

Few young men have the intellectual equipment which Mr. Wilson had. He was a thorough scholar, and in all his work, as student and minister of the Gospel, he manifested an extraordinary power to grasp a subject, analyze it and present it in a clear, logical and convincing manner.

Socially Mr. Wilson was peculiarly gifted. He possessed a charming personality which had the power of winning the confidence and friendship of everyone. In the Seminary Mr. Wilson had no enemies; in the pastorate he was greatly beloved; and in the Church at large he was known as a sweet dispositioned, amiable young man. One felt as one stood in his presence that he was genuine through and through, and that his friendship was like a strong cord which could not easily be broken.

Mr. Wilson was deeply spiritual. He lived every day and under all circumstances in the consciousness of the immediate presence and help of the Spirit of God. His public prayers gave evidence of a life of constant communion and fellowship with God. No man could pray as Walter Wilson prayed and live far from God. His great faith, his conscientiousness, his spiritual fervor in preaching, gave additional evidence that he was indeed a man of God.

Mr. Wilson was deeply attached to the principles of the Church, and no young man preached the truth with more clearness, power and love than he. He persuaded men mightily.

God in His inscrutable wisdom has seen fit to remove him from the church militant to the church triumphant. As he had lived a triumphant life, so he died a triumphant death. He was Christ's always; to live was Christ and to die was gain. Measured by length of days, his life was incomplete, but measured by the test of character, influence upon others and fulfilment of God's great plan, his life was complete, and was no small contribution to the labors of the Covenanter ministry, the growth of the Covenanter Church and the expansion of the kingdom of Christ on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GEORGE,
J. G. McELHINNEY,
J.R. MAGEE.

The Synod devoted a little time to listening to brief tributes from members of the Court to the memory and work of our departed brethren, after which W. J. Coleman led the Court in prayer.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with prayer by T. P. Stevenson, the singing of the 133rd Psalm and the Benediction by the Moderator, to meet in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Ill., Tuesday, May 25th, 1909, at 8 P. M.

R. C. MONTGOMERY, *Moderator.*
J. S. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

The Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association would respectfully report that the work of the eleventh year in the history of the Aged People's Home has been one of pleasure and activity.

Twenty-three meetings were held, five meetings of the Association, five of the Board of Directors and thirteen of the Board of Managers. The members of the different committees have been diligent in the performance of duties assigned them.

The new building as it had been planned at the time of our last report is now a reality, being completed at a cost of sixteen thousand three hundred thirty-one and 10-100 dollars ($16,331.10), and opened on Donation and Reception Day, December 10th, 1907. The building is a memorial to the efforts of the Building Committee, Mrs. W. M. Hice, Mrs. J. M. Allen and Mrs. Annette G. Wallace. We appreciate their untiring efforts for the completion of the building and the comfort of those under our care.

Our matron, Miss Jamison, has been faithful in the fulfilment of the many duties resting upon her, ever patient and kind in times of sickness, and at the deathbed a friend and comforter.

Since our last report three persons have been admitted into the Home, and three have been called away by death.

We are glad to report the addition of four Life Directors, six Honorary Members and fourteen Life Members of the Association.

Eighteen sermons have been preached in the Home, and the midweek prayer meetings have been intersting and helpful.

We desire to express our thanks to all who have contributed to the comfort and pleasure of the members of the Home, to those who have ministered in spiritual things, to the medical staff, who have been ever ready to relieve the sufferings of those entrusted to their care, and to the Advisory Board, who responded willingly when called upon.

Our Finance Committee found it necessary in connection with the erection of the new building to borrow twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), and have placed mortgages on the properties to that amount. You will see by this what a heavy burden we are carrying, and we will need the help of the entire Church, so we again ask for an appropriation of one thousand dollars ($1,000). We received this year from the Congregational collections five hundred sixty-five and 4-100 dollars ($565.04), for which we desire to express our thanks.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. J. WARD, **Secretary.**

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1908

COLORADO

Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Canon City		D D. Dodds, Cor., Canon City, Col.*	2	2	....	....	12	....	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Denver	John C. French	445 S. Grant Ave., Denver, Colo.	4	4	15	1	65	3	100	35	61	93	37	....	2	....	....	....	30	12	....	....	....	1000	670	1905
Evans	J. A. Blackwood	Evans, Colo	4	3	9	4	68	2	50	15	60	166	29	8	7	11	6	18	8	36	8	5	4	760	504	1630
La Junta	....	John C. Dodds, Cor., La Junta, Col.	4	3	7	7	63	1	57	26	181	68	35	28	23	18	11	2	8	15	8	17	31	250	979	1674
Greeley	J. M. Wylie	1127 13th St., Greeley, Colo	3	3	20	2	67	2	70	30	96	161	45	15	17	14	7	....	¶ 1333	69	9	5	6	† 534	585	2896
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	906 E. 28th St , Los Angeles	3	4	4	5	38	1	44	17	15	62	35	....	3	25	4	....	¶ 1543	9	....	2	5	550	476	2729
Santa Ana	Geo. N. Greer	712 E. 3d St., Santa Ana, Cal.	2	1	....	3	44	1	50	18	35	14	65	30	8	7	4	....	400	12	5	4	4	500	* 105	1193
Seattle	T. M. Slater	1805 Bellevue, Seattle	6	8	20	5	115	11	180	75	180	62	239	42	* 42	40	35	16	57	74	42	16	37	1045	1435	3362
Oakland, M. S.	W. C. Allen	209 E. 10th St., Oakland	....	....	15	5	35	4	14	.....	25	.....	60	....	....	....	....	....	20	10	....	....	....	.....	170	285
.....	J. M. Armor	Seattle, Wash	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	J. K. Robb	Tak Hing Chau, China	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	H. B. McMillan	Greeley, Colo	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	Samuel Edgar	Latakia, Syria	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	J. T. Willson	Canon City, Colo	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
No. of Congregations, 8	No. of Ministers, 12	Totals	28	28	90	32	507	25	606	216	653	626	545	123	102	115	67	36	3399	237	72	49	87	4639	4924	15,674

* Canon City. Last year's report. ¶ 1258 for Church in Greeley; 1543 for Church in Los Angeles. † For eight months. * 4 for Geneva College; 4 for Students' Aid.

ILLINOIS

Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Bloomington	G. Renwick Steele	Bloomington Ind., 420 E. 3d St	5	4	4	3	106	3	200	25	146	82	87	17	21	13	12	30	511	24	15	8	14	800	819	2599
St. Louis	McLeod M. Pearce	St. Louis, Mo., 4631 West Bell Ave.	3	4	4	6	42	1	55	.....	78	37	24	10	6	6	5	4	286	23	6	3	5	928	1157	2578
Princeton	D. C. Matthews	738 E. State St., Princeton, Ind.	4	4	1	2	65	2	40	12	156	61	74	38	43	30	12	.....	422	35	31	10	16	(a) 700	389	2017
Bethel	S. J. Johnston	Sparta, Ill.	4	3	5	3	63	3	65	.....	110	38	73	26	26	24	20	.....	26	35	26	10	16	(a) 600	502	1532
Oakdale	M. A. Gault	Oakdale, Ill.	5	6	3	6	174	5	200	40	46	25	74	15	22	11	59	.....	11	38	4	8	7	800	306	1426
Old Bethel		Cor. L. M. Patterson, Baldwin, Ill.	3	4	3	12	112	3	85	.....	143	45	49	17	31	24	12	4	4	60	15	6	9	.....	642	1061
Church Hill	W. S. Fulton	Coulterville, Ill.	4	3	2	13	60	.....	50	15	7	.....	40	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	274	5	.....	2	2	328	206	868
Staunton		Mathew Williamson, Staunton, Ill.	2	2	.....	1	22	.....	.....	.....	20	11	11	.....	6	.....	3	.....	.....	7	.....	4	5	.....	375	442
Selma	S. F. Kingston	511 Union St., Selma, Ala.	4	3	7	6	90	8	150	51	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	409	47	463
.....	D. S. Faris	Sparta, Ill.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	E. A. Crooks	College Springs, Ia.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. G. Reed	Selma, Ala.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations. 9	No. of Ministers. 10	Totals	34	33	29	52	734	25	845	143	706	306	432	127	155	108	123	38	1534	227	97	51	74	4565	4443	12,986

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IOWA

Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Chicago	Robert Clarke	686 E. 65th St., Chicago, Ill	7	4	17	10	66	1	114	12	110	55	90						45	18				900	1292	2510
Hickory Grove		D. C. Nichol, Albia, Iowa	2	5			25				24	7	21	4	5	5	3		4	3	3	2	4		252	337
Hopkinton	S. Turner Foster	Hopkinton, Iowa	7	4	2	2	97	5	50	10	196	36	71	88	20	12	4	14	181	60	12	6	6	785	3275	4766
Lake Reno	J. R. W. Stevenson	Glenwood, Minn. R. D.	3	5	2	2	89	2	80	20														600	425	1025
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	Morning Sun, Iowa	7	3	12	6	152	3	133	25	645	195	157	259	37	96	17		308	38	29	13	18	1024	645	3481
Rehoboth	George A. Edgar	Wyman, Iowa	3	2		6	29	1	25		147	28	33	44	36	10	9		2	27	6	4	5	* 535	160	1036
Sharon	J. S. McGaw	Morning Sun, Iowa, R. F. D.	6	4	4	24	170	5	183	60	381	288	177	183	164	86	43		233	61	47	20	22	1000	1159	3864
Vernon		E. I. Dewey Mukwanago, Wis. R. D.	2	3		1	35		52		44	19	21	9	13	11	5		216	9	15	4	4	* 500	102	972
Washington		I. R. McHenry, Washington, Iowa	3	3		4	66	1	35	20	101	77	12	108	22	3	4	13	7	58	7	5	7	* 540	285	1249
	J. A. Black	7628 Union Ave., Chicago, Ill																								
	J. M. Littlejohn	Chicago, Ill																								
	W. M. Robb																									
No. of Congregations.9	No. of Ministers...9	Totals	40	30	37	55	729	18	672	147	1648	705	582	695	297	223	85	27	996	274	119	54	66	5884	7585	19,240

* For Supplies.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

Barnesville		Wm. J. Curry, Barnesville, N. B.	2			1	26		30				15											104		119
St. John		R. A. H. Morrow, 49 Spring St., St., John, N. B.	2		1	1	27		15		23	11												575	542	1151
Cornwallis	Thos. McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	2			2	62		20		75	15	63	10	10	3	10			1	1	3	4	400	155	750
No. of Congregations.3	No. of Ministers..1	Totals	6		1	4	115		65		98	26	78	10	10	3	10			1	1	3	4	1079	697	2020

KANSAS

Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Beulah	James T. Mitchell a	R. F. D. Bostwick, Nebr	4	4	.....	4	c 90	.....	75	20	25	8	35	28	6	3	22	.....	400	21	6	3	2	.....	1075	1632
Billings	W. C. Paden, S. S.	Billings, Okla	5	4	.....	3	58	2	100	20	23	13	23	7	13	6	11	.....	7	8	5	3	3	555	215	891
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers, S. S	Apache, Okla	6	5	12	13	1 94	1	271	.....	193	82	100	40	87	41	20	.....	55	71	70	15	22	52	j 693	1540
Clarinda	.....	J. U. McKeown, Clarinda, Iowa	6	4	7	b28	142	4	164	36	287	102	174	23	38	29	25	.....	878	47	22	16	16	800	e 703	3166
Denison	Delber H. Elliot	Denison, Kan	5	5	9	5	104	d 4	115	25	155	99	82	52	45	25	48	.....	296	40	21	10	10	800	363	2044
Eskridge	.....	S. F. Dill, R. F. D. 2, Eskridg, Kan.	5	3	4	2	88	2	104	.....	138	60	30	57	52	44	14	8	104	24	7	7	6	609	214	1374
Hebron	.....	Amb. Copeland, R.F.D., Idana, Kan	3	2	1	12	c 48	3	60	.....	62	66	35	39	43	35	10	.....	11	12	7	8	7	.....	413	748
Holmwood	Rob't A. Paden	R. F. D., Mankato, Kan	2	2	.....	4	28	3	.....	.....	33	9	10	6	7	5	7	.....	5	3	2	3	4	216	70	380
Kansas City	.....	W. J. Adams, 1315 W. 11th St., Kansas City, Mo	5	2	5	5	57	3	40	25	32	18	33	47	10	5	7	.....	30	12	7	6	4	.....	f 926	1137
Long Branch	J. M. Johnston	Blanchard, Iowa	5	6	6	15	123	d 5	101	10	194	56	120	61	49	64	24	.....	27	39	36	16	18	800	671	2175
Olathe	.....	G. R. Miller, R.F.D. 4, Olathe, Kan	5	5	21	19	153	d 5	158	32	579	167	161	62	40	52	37	.....	26	307	30	17	26	g 375	2388	4267
Quinter	.....	J. J. McElroy, Quinter, Kan	3	4	33	2	84	d 5	55	.....	51	29	51	11	16	8	13	5	69	22	7	5	3	380	175	845
Sterling	J. Boggs Dodds	Sterling, Kan	4	3	3	11	108	.....	104	70	181	56	147	27	21	31	25	32	154	50	21	9	13	h 785	i 1094	2646
Superior	W. T. K. Thompson	Superior, Nebr	4	2	6	.....	c 47	2	60	14	41	17	42	12	13	10	10	4	17	16	9	4	4	490	122	811
Tabor	S. E. Greer	Idana, Kan	4	4	2	4	58	3	45	20	50	16	56	20	19	7	7	.....	149	21	13	5	8	500	296	1167
Topeka	.....	J. R. Magee, 1271 Harrison St., Topeka, Kan	2	.....	5	4	c 45	1	60	20	41	18	71	7	10	3	2	2	103	10	6	2	3	100	617	995
Wahoo	.....	John Birnie, Wahoo, Nebr	2	2	2	3	c 29	4	35	.....	26	4	15	3	7	3	4	4	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	150	166	389
Winchester	.....	W. H. Stewart, Winchester, Kan	7	4	7	11	220	2	126	45	349	142	144	75	86	33	19	.....	24	263	19	13	14	923	1256	3360
Lieb Mission Station k	.....	S. M. McCloy, Lieb P. O., Texas	.....	.....	10	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	And. J. McFarland	Latakia, Syria	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. Ralston Wylie	College Springs, Iowa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	G. R. McBurney	Quinter, Kan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Isaiah Faris	R. F. D., Denison, Kan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	James McCune	Eskridge, Kan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	D. H. Coulter	Winchester, Kan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. W. Dill	Clarinda, Iowa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 18	No. of Ministers, 16	Totals	77	61	130	145	1586	49	1673	337	2460	962	1329	577	562	404	305	55	2355	973	288	142	163	7535	11,457	29,567

a Pastor-elect; b By defection 16, death 3, remainder by removal; c Does not tally with last year's report: Beulah by 1 less than last year; Hebron, 2 more; Superior, 1 more; Topeka, 4 less; Wahoo, 1 more; d 1 adult; e Memorial Thank Offering, $121; f Building Fund, $146; g For 5 months; h For supplies in absence of pastor; i Semi-Centennial Fund, $431; j Semi-Centennial, $397; k Established by Kansas Presb., May 28, 1908; l Ten members to form Lieb Mission Station.

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Barnet	D. C. Faris	Box 38 R. F. D. No. 4, Groton, Vt.	4	2	3	1	62	....	80	.....	140	36	22	15	19	13	10	.....	7	14	11	5	7	473	180	952
First Boston	Sam'l McNaugher.	40 Dana St., Cambridge, Mass.	5	7	10	5	228	7	110	35	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	740	15	.....	.....	.....	1800	1010	3765
Second Boston	J. M. Foster.	44 S. Russell St., Boston, Mass.	3	7	4	4	68	4	68	.....	100	20	15	16	5	7	4	.....	7	75	40	5	4	1200	807	2305
Bovina	W. G. Robb	Bovina Center, Delaware Co., N.Y.	5	5	5	1	68	3	60	.....	71	30	46	21	20	17	10	.....	15	27	18	6	9	800	416	1506
Brooklyn	J. C. Slater	707 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	4	4	9	a19	46	2	26	15	b924	35	58	27	24	22	12	.....	24	41	44	9	15	1175	310	2720
Cambridge	G. W. Benn	54 Fayette St., Cambridge, Mass.	2	3	17	9	55	3	75	40	40	15	20	5	5	....	.....	.....	270	17	6	4	7	800	331	1520
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y.	5	4	4	1	60	2	50	.....	c 77	18	22	5	22	.....	.....	5	.....	5	.....	2	.....	500	318	974
Craftsbury	J. F. Crozier, S. S.	East Craftsbury, Vt.	2	1	.....	.....	15	....	10	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Kortright	.....	Wm. Orr, South Kortright, N. Y.	g 2	1	.....	.....	20	....	9	.....	22	31	12	.....	22	...	...	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	185	286
Montclair	.....	A. J. Harding, 84 Greenwood Ave., Montclair, N. J.	2	3	10	.....	10	....	20	...	d	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Newburgh	J. W. F. Carlisle	Newburgh, N. Y.	4	4	9	3	173	4	120	80	275	114	37	74	40	40	.....	.....	300	10	.....	.....	.....	1500	1000	3390
Second Newb'gh	J. R. Thompson	Newburgh, N. Y.	3	4	6	16	150	8	100	.....	60	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	25	.....	.....	40	1200	500	2050
Second New York	R. M. Sommerville	325 W. 56th St., New York City.	5	8	4	28	235	2	176	30	1400	190	166	67	104	89	24	.....	35	60	.....	15	26	3000	216	5392
Third New York	F. M. Foster	345 W. 29th St., New York City.	9	8	9	24	162	3	145	.....	e585	72	76	15	20	20	16	.....	19	15	52	15	17	2500	2931	6353
Fourth New York	....	Robert McAfee, 55 Ann St., N. Y.	3	5	1	30	61	....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1450	1450
Ryegate	.....	R. H. Gates, South Ryegate, Vt.	2	1	2	1	18	....	.....	.....	54	15	24	13	12	12	19	.....	.....	13	12	1	4	.....	83	262
Walton	R. C. Reed	Walton, N. Y.	3	5	3	2	106	3	110	.....	234	113	125	90	28	15	17	.....	100	18	25	6	13	f 1000	266	2050
West Hebron	....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	27	1	15	.....	20	8	25	6	6	4	3	...	6	14	15	3	4	285	107	506
White Lake	J. H. Pritchard	White Lake, Sullivan Co., N. Y.	4	2	..	1	57	2	.....	.....	90	68	69	8	14	14	20	.....	90	12	18	8	11	650	192	1264
.....	S. R. Wallace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	A. I. Robb	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Julius Kempf	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	T. A. Rusk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. M. George	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Walter McCarroll	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 19	No. of Ministers, 20	Totals	70	75	96	145	1621	44	1224	200	4292	765	742	362	341	253	135	5	1813	377	241	79	157	16,883	10,302	36,747

a Certified to new congregation at Montclair, N. J., 10; b Semi-Centennial Fund, $823; c Semi-Centennial Fund, $50; d All contributions for the year paid through Brooklyn congregation, e Semi-Centennial Fund, $284; f Rock Riff Mission, $100; g Estimated from last year's report.

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Belle Center		J. G. McConnell, Belle Center, O.	2	....	1	11	35	7	40	.....	158	128	47	6	8	.....	3	.....	38	20	....	4	....	450	215	1077
Bellefontaine	J. M. Faris	109 N. Park St., Bellefontaine, O.	3	....	....	....	37	2	.....	.....	38	8	19	10	11	10	7	.....	22	7	6	5	5	350	141	639
Cedar Lake	C. M Smith	Ray, Ind.	3	3	1	4	122	1	105	20	135	150	19	39	18	23	15	.....	3	77	4	3	3	800	315	1604
Cedarville	W. J. Sanderson	Cedarville, O.	3	3	4	4	48	1	40	15	61	123	39	16	17	12	8	.....	11	30	12	7	9	450	208	1003
Cincinnati	D. O. Jack	424 Hopkins St., Cincinnati, O.	3	4	4	1	60	1	70	15	36	12	35	14	18	9	....	.....	15	12	3	3	9	1000	471	1637
Hetherton	E. O. Elsey	Hetherton, Mich.	3	3	2	....	58	1	60	25	40	55	39	11	13	9	5	.....	31	17	9	4	6	300	255	794
Fairgrove		J. S. Wylie, Akron, Mich	3	2	2	2	30	2	35	.....	.....	15	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	33	300
Jonothan'sCreek		J. C. George, White Cottage, O.	3	2	3	1	39	....	60	.....	59	107	60	7	14	7	7	.....	26	9	25	3	12	464	50	850
Londonderry		T. J. Blackwood, Quaker City, O.	3	....	1	2	24	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	.....	230
Muskingum & Tomica	MissionStation	John Robson, Dresden, O.	1	....	....	3	13	....	.....	.....	.....	40	5	3	4	.....	2	.....	2	3	3	....	....	190	61	313
New Concord		J. C. Robb, New Concord, O.	5	5	3	2	92	3	46	26	47	101	29	8	12	4	7	.....	2	....	4	2	6	267	650	1139
Southfield	H. G. Patterson	Birmingham, Mich.	4	6	....	2	68	2	60	.....	59	97	22	2	13	10	6	.....	120	15	3	6	7	621	158	1139
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Bellefontaine, O., R. F. D. No. 4.	7	6	11	7	137	2	128	52	374	234	95	71	63	24	....	.....	41	52	19	12	13	800	164	1962
Utica		R. A. Adams, Utica, O.	5	4	....	5	76	1	30	20	229	32	22	12	20	1	5	.....	.....	31	11	7	7	810	438	1625
.....	W. J. McBurney	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Louis Meyer	402 Carmalt St., Cincinnati, O.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. A. Blair	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	E. C. Mitchell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	A. A. Samson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	S. G. Shaw	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 13	No. of Ministers, 13	Totals	48	38	32	41	840	23	674	173	1236	1102	453	199	211	109	65	.....	341	273	99	56	77	6932	3159	14,312

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Adamsville-Middleto'n	.....	R. J. McCracken, Hillsrds. Pa., R D 52	4	.....	.....	.....	45	1	27	.....	2	2	20	2	22	2	13	.....	42	1	1	3	.....	500	93	703
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	1205 Boyle St., N. S., Pittsburg, Pa	7	.....	11	6	150	2	100	40	625	102	370	72	351	66	e277	.....	1095	90	117	15	25	2000	1594	6799
Rear Run-Mahoning	E. M. Elsey	Glencampbell, Pa	5	.....	.....	2	52	4	61	20	42	17	35	10	17	1	4	.....	260	6	2	6	5	500	118	1023
1st Beaver Falls	J. S. Thompson	723 22d St., Beaver Falls, Pa	6	6	8	13	103	h 3	262	45	47	31	33	18	41	4	9	.....	46	14	8	4	3	1050	683	1991
Brookland	P. P. Boyd	5812 Margaretta St., Pittsburg, Pa.	3	2	3	3	27	.....	27	.....	15	8	10	6	8	.....	4	.....	5	4	5	3	5	200	80	353
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	2325 Perrysville Av., Allegheny, Pa	5	.....	11	11	171	3	480	.....	201	125	2081	10	45	22	2	.....	585	3	.....	6	4	2000	876	5960
Clarksburg	.....	Robt. Henry, Saltsburg, Pa., R. D. 1	2	2	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	143	178
College Hill	R. H. Martin	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa	8	5	8	14	142	f 5	336	84	242	253	133	120	76	33	24	.....	205	223	17	12	15	1050	1819	4222
Geneva	H. G Foster	3005 College Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa	6	6	8	15	136	b14	278	25	103	39	143	14	153	28	12	.....	7	7	27	6	5	1000	1369	2913
East End	D. C. Martin	401 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburg, Pa	3	4	.....	3	76	5	35	20	252	83	140	89	98	9	33	.....	229	93	34	20	19	1000	1018	3118
Little Beaver	J. R. Wylie	New Galilee, Pa.	3	4	1	8	70	2	50	.....	64	20	31	15	22	9	8	.....	461	71	10	6	5	c 610	167	1499
McKeesp't-Mononga'la	B. M. Sharp	427 Penny Ave., McKeesport, Pa	3	1	2	2	53	3	20	.....	98	68	38	9	20	6	16	.....	152	39	8	16	3	381	a 2583	3437
Mercer	J. M. Coleman	Mercer, Pa.	4	5	.....	2	57	1	40	.....	33	11	27	7	8	8	4	.....	4	6	15	2	4	.....	628	757
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	Canonsburg, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2	3	.....	1	3	52	.....	60	.....	322	286	100	63	101	22	26	.....	23	75	73	9	14	800	591	2505
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	New Alexandria, Pa	8	5	....	5	120	1	100	.....	257	64	123	90	68	46	22	.....	33	63	23	14	17	900	522	2242
New Castle	J. S. Martin	69 Oak Ave., New Castle, Pa.	7	10	18	11	220	d 9	200	90	210	141	143	88	92	41	34	.....	173	117	10	15	22	1200	1147	3433
North Union	P. P. Boyd	5812 Margaretta St., Pittsburg, Pa.	4	.....	.....	1	31	3	20	.....	10	4	28	3	3	.....	4	.....	3	3	.....	4	3	300	42	407
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	The Guerard, New Castle, Pa.	2	2	.....	3	10	1	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	.....	.....	10	100	120	307
Pine Creek	A Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	2	.....	.....	1	22	.....	20	.....	12	3	12	2	7	1	2	.....	4	5	.....	3	4	173	49	277
Rehoboth	E. M. Elsey	Glencampbell, Pa.	4	.....	4	.....	37	3	14	14	8	6	5	4	7	1	.....	.....	682	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	1	914
Union	A Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	4	4	4	2	59	1	60	.....	32	11	26	9	18	7	2	.....	2	7	2	4	5	455	170	750
Parnassus	F. M. Wilson	Parnassus, Pa.	5	4	.....	3	70	3	165	30	182	69	48	51	84	37	27	.....	30	439	30	14	20	1000	1031	3062
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	8 Fayette Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., N.S.	7	7	16	28	g176	2	190	80	524	100	127	90	155	40	35	.....	10	265	.....	25	86	1250	3503	6200
Slippery Rock	W. O. Ferguson	Rose Point, Pa.	4	3	5	5	56	3	75	30	11	5	3	5	30	15	2	....	124	9	3	.....	.....	262	265	734
Wilkinsburg	R. C. Wylie	810 South Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.	5	.....	8	19	129	2	124	58	361	87	288	89	188	59	55	.....	132	140	61	24	36	1900	14'6	4836
Youngstown	A. A. Wylie	103 Garlick St., Youngstown, O.	3	2	4	3	45	.....	64	20	16	3	45	8	10	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	334	322	740

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.....	R. C. Allen.....	Grove City, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	T. J. Allen.....	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. F. Crozier.....	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. Dodds.....	Sterling, Kan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	C. A. Dodds.....	Mersine, Asia Minor.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. C. K. Faris.....	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	H. H. George.....	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. George.....	Allegheny, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. P. Johnston.....	Mercer, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	George Kennedy...	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. L. McCartney	Beaver Falls, Pa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. McIsaac.....	Beaver Falls, Pa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	E. L. McKnight.....	Allegheny, Pa , Star Rout Delivery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. G. McKnight	Beaver Falls, Pa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. J. McKnight.....	Syracuse, N. Y.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. L. Pinkerton.....	Waupaca, Wis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. S. Stewart...	Latakia, Syria,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	T. C. Sproull	Pittsburg, Pa., 7317 Monticello St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	D. B. Wilson	Allegheny, Pa., Buena Vista St....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. Henry George..	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. G. McElhinney..	Karnes City, Pa., R. F. D. 74.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	T. A. McElwain.....	Rose Point, Pa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations 23	No. of Ministers 43	Totals	117	72	112	163	2027	68	2808	556	3714	1539	4009	884	1624	457	617	.....	4307	1737	446	211	300	19,165	20,350	59,360

a Including 2 lots in Denver, Col., valued at $2,200.00, donated to Greely Congregation by John Parkhill and wife; b 4 Adults; c And a Free Manse; d 2 Adults; e Part to Geneva College; f 1 Adult; g Discrepancy of 7 as compared with last year; h 3 Adults.

PHILADELPHIA

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
1st Philadelphia	T. P. Stevenson	4502 Kingsessing Ave., Phila., Pa.	5	5	7	5	162	1	80	50	189	523	59	36	36	34	18	.....	848	100	16	6	10	1600	1276	4751
2nd Philadelphia	J. C. McFeeters	1511 Christian St., Phila., Pa.	6	0	14	18	202	7	106	15	1134	50	129	70	52	55	17	18	82	78	19	25	34	2000	2052	5815
3rd Philadelphia	R. C. Montgomery	129W.SusquehannaAve.Phila.,Pa	8	5	4	9	160	5	135	45	294	1096	86	71	50	56	21	15	417	50	18	8	15	1800	3029	7026
No. of Congregations 3	No. of Ministers 3	Totals	19	10	25	32	524	16	321	110	1617	1669	274	177	138	145	56	33	1347	228	53	39	59	5400	6359	17592

ROCHESTER

Almonte	*G. M. Robb	T. J. Bowes, Almonte, Ontario	4	4	3	1	60	†1	60	.....	70	27	34	16	16	13	7	.. .	13	14	11	7	8	.....	1136	1372
Lisbon	W. J. McCullough	Lisbon, N. Y.	3	1	.....	2	33	1	23	.....	19	12	14	6	8	5	3	.....	78	6	4	5	5	‡300	50	515
Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	Brodie, Ontario	3	3	4	2	35	1	22	.....	53	22	36	17	13	13	2	.....	17	1	14	5	6	500	71	770
Sterling, M. S.							9																			
Syracuse	John Yates	104 E. Colvin St., Syracuse, N. Y.	3	3	8	6	67	2	65	45	79	12	50	14	7	9	19	.....	219	9	9	4	5	700	383	1524
York	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y.	7	.....	.....	6	83	2	70	24	99	18	49	20	18	16	10	.....	11	18	16	9	7	‖800	716	1807
	Wm. McFarland	204 W.Lafayette Av.,Syracuse,NY																								
No. of Congregations 5	No. of Ministers 6	Totals	20	11	15	17	287	7	240	69	320	96	183	73	62	56	41		338	48	54	30	31	2300	2356	5988

*G. M. Robb installed pastor of Almonte May 13, 1908. †Adult. ‡And Manse. ‖Including Manse.

SUMMARY

Presbyteries	Congregations	Ministers	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions																
											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	3	1	6	.....	1	4	115	.....	65	.....	98	26	78	10	10	3	10	.....	.....	1	1	3	4	1,079	697	2,020
Iowa	9	9	40	30	37	55	729	18	672	147	1.648	708	582	695	297	223	85	27	996	274	119	54	66	5,884	7,585	19,240
Kansas	18	16	77	61	120	135	1 586	49	1,673	337	2,460	962	1,379	577	562	404	305	55	2,355	973	288	142	163	7,535	11,457	29,567
Pittsburgh	26	43	117	72	112	163	2,027	68	2,808	556	3 714	1,539	4,009	884	1,624	457	617	.....	4,307	1,737	446	211	300	19,165	20,350	59,360
Ohio	13	13	48	38	32	44	840	23	674	173	1,236	1,102	453	199	211	109	65	.....	341	273	99	56	77	6,932	3,159	14,312
Colorado	8	12	28	28	90	32	507	25	605	216	.653	626	545	123	102	115	67	36	3,399	237	72	49	87	4,639	4.924	15,674
Philadelphia	3	3	19	10	25	32	524	16	321	40	1 617	1,669	274	177	138	145	56	33	1,347	228	53	39	59	5,400	6,357	17,592
Rochester	5	6	20	11	15	17	287	7	240	69	320	96	183	73	62	56	41	.....	338	48	54	30	31	2,300	7,356	5,988
New York	19	20	70	75	96	145	1,621	44	1,224	200	4,292	765	742	362	341	253	135	5	1,813	377	241	79	157	16,833	10,302	36,747
Illinois	9	10	34	33	29	82	734	25	845	143	706	306	432	127	155	108	123	38	1 534	227	97	51	74	4,565	4,443	12,986
Syrian Mission	2	1	.....	.....	44	38	*359	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....
Mission in China	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	2	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	115	134	459	358	625	719	9,404	275	9,127	1,951	16,744	7,796	8,627	3,227	3,502	1,873	1,504	194	16,430	4,375	1.470	714	1,018	74,332	71,630	213,486

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